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Kids can say the darndest things

Canada's last WWI veteran dies

OBIT Canada's last known First World War veteran has died, the Prime Minister's Office said in a statement. John Babcock was 109. "As a nation, we honour his service and mourn his passing," Prime Minister Stephen Harper said in a statement.

Babcock was the last link to the 650,000 Canadian men and women who served in the First World War, Harper noted.

Babcock joined the military at the age of 16, but because of his age wasn't allowed on the front lines.

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Whew!

Team Canada's Sidney Crosby celebrates scoring the game-winning goal in a shootout Thursday night against Swiss goalie Jonas Hiller during Olympic men's preliminary hockey action in Vancouver. Canada won 3-2. More coverage, page 28.

T.O. gets dolled up

ACADEMY Barbie's new look comes with bubble gum-pink Lisa Loeb glasses and an "academy" for girls in Toronto.

The glasses are evidence of the 51-year-old doll's 125th career: Computer engineer.

The "academy," announced by Mattel on Thursday as part of its new "Barbie — I Can Be" global campaign, will comprise six stations inside the Bata Shoe Museum on Bloor Street West, where girls will be able to "try on" different careers, said Shelley Fremont, Canadian spokesperson for Mattel.

"It's basically to inspire girls to be all they can be," she said.

The test careers range from dentist to rock star, just two of the many Barbie has tried on herself over the years. Her latest, computer engineer, was the winner in a public contest to find Barbie a new job. And with it comes a campaign that partners the toymaker with The White House Project, a public policy initiative to increase political awareness and nurture political candidates among women in the United States. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

'I Can Be'

- The White House Project hopes to take its "I Can Be" campaign to the White House itself for the April 22 Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day, said spokeswoman Kristina Goodman. Project founder Marie Wilson persuaded Mattel in the 1990s to create the first President Barbie.

Deal on the blink

City to pay $420M over 30 years to rent streetlights

After selling its streetlights to Toronto Hydro in 2005 to raise $60 million, the City of Toronto will pay more than $420 million over the next 30 years to rent the lights back, the contract agreement shows.

The controversial contract was obtained by the Greater Toronto Electrical Contractors Association through a freedom of information request — which the city strongly opposed.

Bob O'Donnell, executive director of the association, said the sale is likely a poor deal because no one else was allowed to bid for the streetlights.

Toronto Coun. Denzil Minnan-Wong said he agrees. "We sold it off in desperation and didn't get a good price for it."

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Adjusted for inflation

- The agreement lists the annual payment as $13.6 million, but the amount is adjusted yearly for inflation. That means the cumulative payment over the 30-year life of the contract will top $420 million.

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Water rates could cost as much as high-speed Internet: Caplan

City's 100-year-old leaky pipes need cash for fix

Clean, safe drinking water could cost Ontarians as much as high-speed Internet service if a private member's bill from Liberal backbencher David Caplan becomes law, and the money would be used to pay for much-needed upgrades to pipes and infrastructure.

Drinking water systems in Ontario have leakage rates of 10 to 50 per cent, with an average of 25 per cent, and many water pipes in cities like Toronto are more than 100 years old, said Caplan.

David Caplan

"We have a lot of infrastructure that is approaching or even exceeding its useful life cycle, and without a firm plan to replace and repair it," he said.

Mandatory metering would ensure people pay the full cost of water and waste-water services, which means homeowners would see bills of about $50 a month, admitted Caplan.

"It would be roughly equivalent to what we pay for high-speed Internet, so I don't think it would be really more than people could manage," he said.

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Top cop to review dismissal of police corruption charges

COURT Police Chief Bill Blair will review a provincial court decision dismissing corruption charges against two former police officers accused of taking bribes from night club owners.

The Toronto Police Services Board has given Blair until April 22 to provide an outline of his review on the decision by Justice Bonnie Croll, who ruled the officers could not get a fair trial due to the excessive delays over a four-year period.

Charges of soliciting and taking bribes from bar owners in Toronto's Entertainment District were leveled in 2004 against former police union head Rick McIntosh and William McCormack Jr., son of a former police chief.

But they were stayed by Croll in December of 2009 and the Crown decided last month not to appeal that decision. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

CRASH A Toronto man faces several charges after an overnight accident that killed a 19-year-old woman. Police allege a driver lost control of a speeding car and hit a utility pole, and that a 19-year-old woman and a 15-year-old girl were ejected from the rear seat. The 19-year-old woman died in hospital. Police say the driver and the 15-year-old girl fled the scene of the collision, but were located at a hospital. Donald LePage, 18, has been charged with dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing death. THE CANADIAN PRESS

City reveals higher user fees

Most recreational activities will cost more

- The new fees include a $50 registration for families signing up for city recreation programs for the first time, as well gym rental fees, drop-in swim fees of $2 for adults, $1 for youths and seniors and $5 for families; and $15 for a host of kids' activities including ball hockey, gardening, gymnastics and learn-to-skate.
- Increases to existing fees include jumps in the cost of park permits, planning fees and parking at the zoo.

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York housing policy panned

Subsidized housing for select minorities is unfair: Critics

Critics say a York Region policy of using tax dollars to subsidize housing restricted to members of certain ethnic and religious groups is discriminatory and condones a backwards form of segregation.

The policy, endorsed recently by regional council, allows four buildings that limit residence to members of their own faith and ethnic communities — one Italian, one Jewish and two Muslim — to receive regional rent-geared-to-income housing subsidies.

"These segregated services are not conducive to the kind of communities we want to build," Newmarket Regional Coun. John Taylor said in an interview.

"This is also a significant public policy direction that should be debated, but has gone ahead almost unnoticed."

Although it is illegal under Ontario's Human Rights Code to restrict housing based on criteria such as race, creed, sex, sexual orientation, age or disability, certain affirmative-action housing providers enjoy exemptions.

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The number of seniors and families waiting for subsidized housing in York.

Critics say the region's policy unfairly discriminates based on an applicant's race and religion and that it causes longer waits for those who have spent years working their way to the top of the subsidized housing list but do not fit the criteria of the residence.

Supporters say the program simply gives minority groups a leg up.

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Frances Lankin, long-time president and CEO of United Way Toronto, will resign next year.

United Way chief to step down in 2011

CHARITY When Frances Lankin took over as head of United Way Toronto in 2001, her new bosses had a to-do list:

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Almost nine years later, the United Way president and CEO has ticked all the boxes and then some. On Thursday, Lankin announced she will be stepping down next year to spend more time with her family.

"I married my husband a month before coming to United Way ... but I've never really lived with him, only visited on weekends," she said, noting for years she has been commuting from Toronto to Restoule near North Bay where she and her husband live.

Lankin said she had been thinking about passing the mantle for a while and this was the right time to take the first step. She gave a year's notice.

Last month, United Way Toronto achieved what many said couldn't happen in a difficult economy. The 2009 campaign raised $109 million and broke the fundraising record for all United Ways in North America.

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Funeral held for crash victim

DEATH A 26-year-old woman was laid to rest Thursday after her car was struck by a van involved in a police chase.

Sara Attayee died Monday after the car she and five other women were sharing collided with the van at Lawrence Avenue East and Pharmacy Avenue after midnight.

Attayee's sister Addila, sister-in-law Fahima, niece Mariam, friend Nadia and her daughter Dina were also in the car.

Dina was the only one able to attend the service. The rest remain in hospital, unaware that Sara is dead.

The SIU investigation into police involvement in the collision is ongoing.

The van's driver, Robert Smith, faces 57 charges in relation to the collision.

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Financial awareness

The State Farm Youth Advisory Board announced Thursday that the Brandon Street Community Development Foundation will receive a $53,321.50 US service-learning grant to help young women improve their financial awareness. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Busking is 'like public art'

City's misunderstood transit musicians get organized

HEATHER BUCHAN
for Metro Toronto

They may just be one of the most misunderstood groups of entertainers in Toronto. TTC buskers, that is. They're the men and women whose music fills subway stations around the city. Are they homeless? Are they beggars? Can't they get "real" jobs, many people wonder.

Much to the contrary, says Fred Spek, himself a TTC busker, and the co-ordinator of the newly formed Transit Musicians Association of Toronto. "There might be a perception that a busker is hard done by, or hard on his luck. That's not the case. We're serious musicians," he says, adding that many of the TTC's nearly 100 buskers also work as composers, band leaders and band members. Some are even former Toronto Symphony Orchestra members and Juno Award winners and nominees.

HEATHER BUCHAN/FOR METRO TORONTO

Fred Spek, organizer of the Transit Musicians Association of Toronto, stands in front of busker Scott Norman at Eglinton station. Spek wants people to know that buskers aren't beggars.

Every TTC busker must be licensed. And to get a permit, which costs $150 for the year, they must first pass an audition, held each summer over three days at the CNE. In a sense, they are self-employed musicians, who, according to Spek, eke out a decent living making, on average, $15 to $20 per hour. They also play according to a formal playing schedule, drafted by the TTC.

Most buskers are slotted to play a six-hour shift three to four times a week at any one of the 25 busker-designated stations. Each day on the schedule is divided into three shifts — 6 a.m. to noon, noon to 6 p.m., and 6 p.m. to midnight — and you play at the place and time you're allotted. But playing for six hours straight can be an exhausting task. "You just have to pace yourself, " explains Spek. "It's mentally exhausting."

So why would anyone want to contend with cold, noisy stations where they don't have a captive audience? "It allows you to be independent while making a living," explains Spek. "I always feel like I contributed to the well-being of the public after a shift. It's like public art. It's a good feeling."

That's one of the reasons why he formed TMAT. "We want to build a sense of community and camaraderie, encourage each other to keep doing it," says Spek, adding they "feel like we're part of the solution to making the TTC a better place."

Centre would present TTC history

MUSEUM The TTC is considering preserving its history in a transit museum.

While the idea is still being studied, a vacant bus garage across from the Coxwell subway station is considered the front-runner location for what's being called a transit visitor or interpretation centre.

On Wednesday, councillors on the Toronto Transit Commission approved the second phase of a study that would look at how the facility could be governed, including a possible not-for-profit board that would raise funds to support the venture.

"We see (the Toronto centre) as more than a place to display historic vehicles," said Ted Silberberg of Lord Cultural Resources, the company hired to study the idea. The firm has designed museums and cultural centres around the world.

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News in brief

TRANSIT The TTC is looking for a few good characters and one good man or woman to sit on its customer service advisory panel. TTC chair Adam Giambrone, vice-chair Joe Mihevc and TTC spokesman Brad Ross tweeted an invitation on the social networking site Twitter Thursday. "OK riders, looking for 1 public member for the cust. serv. (sic) panel. Tell us why it should be you in 140 char. Pls use #TTCpanel" Giambrone typed. Many riders were quick to submit a sincere appeal for the job, remarking on their own lack of bias or personal obsessions with subways and streetcars.

AIRPORT Toronto's Lester B. Pearson International Airport has received a below-average grade for customer satisfaction in an international ranking by J.D. Power and Associates, CBC News Online reports. The company's annual survey of customer satisfaction looked at more than 70 major air transport hubs across North America. Toronto's airport was awarded a score of 655 out of a possible 1,000. Within the large airport category, the average score was 665. Toronto lost 12 points compared to where it sat last year.

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MPPs tackling bullies

Bullying is such a stubborn problem that every school in Ontario needs to officially dedicate a week of activities to combat it, says Tory MPP and education critic Elizabeth Witmer, whose resolution for such a move was supported by all provincial parties. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Lightfoot alive, despite reports

MUSIC A false rumour about the death of Gordon Lightfoot spread like wildfire online Thursday, prompting the bemused folk legend to address his fans on a live TV news channel to dispute the reports.

"I'm fine, everything is good," Lightfoot, 71, assured all-news station CP24.

Various Canwest papers posted reports Thursday afternoon saying Lightfoot had died and they were quickly picked up all over the Internet.

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Oshawa councillor earning MBA on municipal dime

POLITICS Oshawa residents are demanding a politician and political staffer return $46,000 of taxpayers' money used to pay for high-priced MBA degrees.

"I'm pretty outraged because of what I've been through myself," says Marissa Kata, who has been unemployed for 14 months and just started second-career training. "I've jumped through hoops to get to this stage, and I'm struggling, like a lot of people."

Coun. April Cullen and the mayor's executive assistant, James Anderson, should "do the right thing," says Kata, 37, who's part of a Facebook group demanding they cough up the $23,000 each the city is spending on their MBAs in community economic development.

Mayor John Gray approved the expenditure under the corporate training and financial assistance program for staff and council, which pays up to $2,000 per person per year for educational courses, to a maximum of $5,000 over three years.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Tiger dies at zoo

A tiger who fathered nine cubs of his endangered species has died, leaving his partner as the only Siberian tiger at the Toronto Zoo.

HANDOUT/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Tongua, 17, died this week when he didn't recover from surgery at the Toronto Zoo. The Siberian tiger had fathered nine cubs.

Tongua, who was 17, did not recover from sedation after a lengthy surgery on Sunday.

Dr. William Rapley, the zoo's executive director of biology and conservation, said zoo workers became concerned when the tiger went off food about 10 days before he died.

"He was always bright and cheerful, but he seemed somewhat depressed," Rapley said. "On Sunday morning he seemed to be weak and staggery, not doing very well."

Rapley and two clinical veterinarians decided to tranquilize the 400-pound animal to run tests. When they found an enlarged abdomen, spleen and liver problems, they decided to do exploratory surgery.

"After the surgery, he seemed to be recovering from anesthetic, then he passed away," Rapley said.

A post-mortem on Monday revealed lesions and "we're suspicious of cancer," Rapley said, adding that test results won't be back for a little while.

Rapley said the surgery was a prolonged procedure, and the amount of fluid in the tiger's body cavities made it very difficult for him to recover.

"We did the best we could … to try and save him," he said. "Staff are very upset when you lose any animal."

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Danny Williams' heart surgery lasted six hours

Danny Williams' heart surgery took longer than expected because there was more damage to his heart than originally thought, an aide says. The six-hour operation took place somewhere in Florida and the 60-year-old premier of Newfoundland and Labrador is recovering at his condominium in Sarasota, the aide added. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Nuclear workers tested

An incident that exposed more than 500 workers at a nuclear power station on the shores of Lake Huron to low levels of radiation has revealed an apparent gap in safety procedures at Canadian nuclear facilities. Officials said 195 workers needed testing — and so far 14 show worrying radiation levels.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

It's McGuinty's giant summit

Premiers meet in Washington

Flexing their combined political muscle, Dalton McGuinty and six other premiers are meeting with U.S. governors and members of U.S. President Barack Obama's cabinet in Washington.

In a historic summit, the premiers' Council of the Federation was to gather with the powerful National Governors' Association on Friday with the hope of improving trade relations between provinces and states.

"This is a first. The National Governors' Association and the Council of the Federation have not met before so it's a real positive development," said Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall.

"The premiers have been working hard over the last little while — and no one harder than the current ambassador (to the U.S., former Manitoba premier Gary Doer), frankly — to develop a stronger bilateral relationship with governors."

Wall, chair of the premiers' council, said with 25 to 30 state governors in the U.S. capital for their annual winter conference, it is a unique opportunity for the Canadian leaders.

"This is a very important development."

McGuinty said the human element is important on such diplomatic missions.

"Obviously, we're going to touch on some specifics … But I think the single most important thing we want to do is strengthen our personal relationships and our ties.

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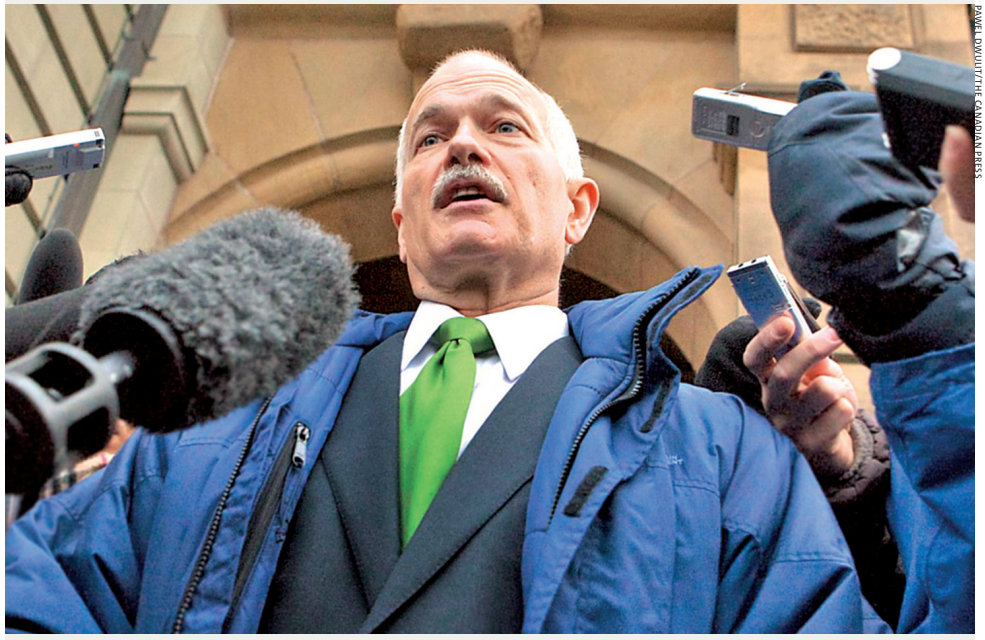
Meeting the PM **Layton wins some, loses some**



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NDP Leader Jack Layton speaks to the media Thursday after meeting with Prime Minister Stephen Harper in Ottawa. The two found some common ground in a pre-budget discussion: Creating jobs must be a key feature of the next budget. But Layton, who is fighting prostate cancer, made no headway in persuading Harper that ending corporate tax cuts would be a means to put more money into the hands of vulnerable women and seniors.

Biden scare sparks security revamp

OLYMPICS Vancouver Olympic officials say changes have been made to security arrangements as a result of a security breach at the opening ceremonies last week.

A 48-year-old man was arrested inside the stadium as he approached the area where U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden was sitting.

Police said the man passed through a metal detector. He had no weapon and posed no threat.

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Boomers a challenge: Page

AGING Ottawa needs to face the harsh economic reality posed by Canada's aging population if it wants to avoid handing over massive, chronic deficits to future generations, Parliament's watchdog warns.

With an ever smaller percentage of the population working and paying taxes, the federal debt will keep increasing unless the government cuts spending or raises taxes, Kevin Page said Thursday.

Acting to fix the problem within a few years will be relatively painless, amounting to finding about $20 billion in structural fiscal changes, Page said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Watchdog Kevin Page talks to the media Thursday in Ottawa.

'Post expenses' ploy just a game, says NDP

POLITICS A request to have Ontario's Tories and New Democrats post their expenses online is nothing but an attempt by the government to deflect attention away from its own dubious spending practices, opposition parties say.

NDP Leader Andrea Horwath said the move was simply a game.

"We're happy to be as transparent as we possibly can but in reality, the government is trying to deflect their own dismal failure in transparency onto opposition," said Horwath.

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Power station mishap reveals safety gap
An incident that exposed hundreds of workers at an Ontario power station to low levels of radiation has revealed an apparent gap in safety procedures at Canadian nuclear facilities. THE CANADIAN PRESS

No new additions to women's health plan

ABORTION The federal government won't add contraception and abortion to a package of initiatives aimed at improving women and children's health despite pleas from the Opposition to include the practices.

International Co-operation Minister Bev Oda said Thursday Ottawa isn't changing its policy on what measures will be part of a major initiative with G8 countries to improve the lot of women and children in the world's poorest countries.

"Canada is not currently going to be changing its approach to improving maternal and infant health," Oda said in Halifax, where she announced the port city will host a G8 development ministers meeting in April.

"The prime minister has been clear since we became government that there's no intention on re-generating any debate on abortion."

The comments come after Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff urged Prime Minister Stephen Harper to include funding for all reproductive health services in his plan to become an international champion of women's and children's health. Ignatieff said women "are entitled to the full gamut of reproductive health services and that includes termination of pregnancy and contraception."

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Summit

- Stephen Harper is hosting the G8 summit in Muskoka in June and has vowed to use the opportunity to launch an initiative to improve the health of women and children.

News in brief

BUDGET The March 4 federal budget is not the time to expect Ottawa to take a bold stand on pension reform, say experts and government insiders. But it does give the Harper government an opportunity to improve the existing system, they add. The opposition parties see pension adequacy as a key wedge issue.

HEALTH The Windsor hospital where a woman underwent an unnecessary mastectomy says it is horrified and saddened by the mistake, but is not accepting blame.

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Widows' lose court claim

The Supreme Court of Canada has rejected a $10-million damage award for widows of the miners slain during Yellowknife's bitter 1992 Giant Mine dispute, striking down earlier rulings that found government, unions and private security forces all bore some responsibility for one of Canada's worst outbreaks of labour violence.

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Accused Roger Warren, right, is escorted from an RCMP van to the courthouse in Yellowknife in this Oct.24, 1994, file photo. The Supreme Court of Canada has rejected a $10-million damage award for widows of the miners slain during Yellowknife's bitter 1992 Giant Mine dispute.

The ruling finally brings to an end the long, bitter legal legacy of the strike, which was marked by a deliberately set underground explosion that killed nine replacement workers.

"It's deeply disappointing," said Edmonton lawyer Jeff Champion, who for 15 years has been representing the widows attempt to get compensation through the courts.

"But in many aspects, we have prevailed on a couple of important points. Some important legal principles have been established."

In September 1992, striking miner Roger Warren set and exploded a bomb in the mine, which had been operating with replacement workers. Warren was convicted in 1995 of nine counts of murder and is serving a life sentence.

The widows of the nine victims as well as James O'Neil — the first man on the scene of the bombing — sued the Canadian Auto Workers, the government of the Northwest Territories and security company Pinkerton's of Canada.

They argued that the owners and the union should have known the dangers and had a duty to protect the victims.

A lower court agreed in 2004 and ordered the defendants to pay $10.7 million.

The Northwest Territories Court of Appeal overturned that decision, along with the award, and the widows appealed to the Supreme Court.

In Thursday's decision, the Supreme Court ruled that although the government and private security were responsible for providing a reasonable level of security, the original trial judge didn't use the correct legal means to find that they'd breached that responsibility.

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Saskatchewan couple win $20 million lottery
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Grocery store finds food items tampered

STICK PINS There's been another incident of food tampering at a Calgary grocery store.

Calgary Co-op said in a news release late Wednesday that it found evidence of tampering in a few produce items at its Oakridge Centre store.

Last month, the same store temporarily closed after metal stick pins were found in some bulk bakery items, block cheeses and plastic juice bottles.

Police are adding the latest incident to its ongoing investigation.

Search

- A search of products in the store was being done and the store was to reopen Thursday morning.

The company is asking customers who recently bought items at the store to check them for tampering and if they are unsure, they may return it for a full refund.

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Quebec eyes immigration sharks

LAW Quebec is cracking down on unethical immigration consultants.

The provincial government says only lawyers, notaries, and members of the Canadian Society of Immigration Consultants will be allowed to represent immigration candidates.

To have a right to practice, consultants will need to pass a test, demonstrate a knowledge of French, have a clean track record, and register with the Canadian society of consultants.

The government says it could also impose fines of up to $50,000, and revoke someone's right to practice. There are allegedly 2,000 unregistered consultants in Canada.

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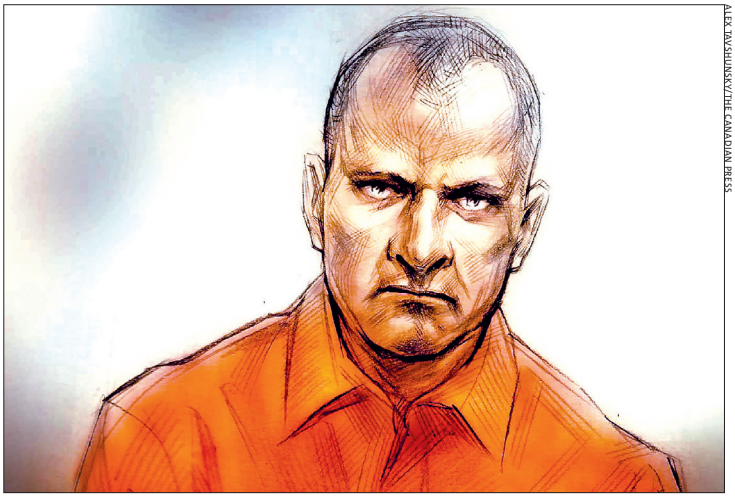
Colonel appears in court

Williams relieved of duties, facing first-degree murder charges

Col. Russell Williams, once a well-respected commander in the Canadian air force, appeared in court via video to face first-degree murder charges Thursday looking a shadow of his former self.



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In this courtroom sketch, Col. Russell Williams appears via a video link in Belleville, Ont., court to face first-degree murder charges Thursday.

Williams appeared briefly from the nearby Quinte Detention Centre, dressed in an orange jumpsuit and appearing unshaven. He sauntered toward the camera and stood stooped in front of it, with none of the crispness Canadians are used to seeing from military officers.

He let out a heavy sigh before stating his full name — David Russell Williams — on the record.

The quick appearance illustrated Williams' sudden and shocking fall from the upper echelons of Canada's military. A military officer assigned to report back on the proceedings said he was to visit Williams in jail Thursday to officially relieve him of his duties as commander of Canadian Forces Base Trenton.

Lt. Col. Tony O'Keeffe has known Williams for nine years and said the man on the courtroom screen didn't look like the "compassionate" Williams he knows.

"He just looks tired and that's a novelty for the man I know that was able to handle (multiple) tasks of varying complexity," O'Keeffe said outside court.

"He's an intellect. He's a professional. He's a friend to me. I don't know what else to say."

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Horses seized from Alberta farm
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Website tells drivers when to give up car

A website and brochures were unveiled Thursday to help older drivers stay safe on the road and make decisions about when they should retire their keys.

The Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists introduced the resources for drivers, their families and health professionals on the website www.older-driversafety.ca.

The site offers various facts about whether someone is fit to drive and tips for safe driving as people age. For instance, it suggests older drivers take refresher driving courses, avoid rush hour whenever they can and figure out routes that will allow them to avoid left turns if they have difficulty with them.

The leading cause of accidental death for people aged 65 to 75 in Canada is related to driving, statistics show, and a driver older than 75 is 3½ times more likely to be involved in a crash per 1.6 kilometres driven than a 35- to 40-year-old driver. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Manitoba's wage freeze plan under fire

CHALLENGE A labour leader says the Manitoba government's plan to freeze civil service wages could face a court challenge.

Joe Ahrens, head of the Manitoba Council of Health Care Unions, says the government appears to be violating a Supreme Court of Canada ruling in 2007. That ruling overturned a cost-cutting measure for health-care workers in British Columbia, and said there are limits in what governments can do to interfere with collective bargaining rights.

Manitoba's NDP government is seeking a two-year wage freeze in new public-sector contract talks, and says if it can't get a wage freeze, it may resort to job cuts or unpaid days off.

Ahrens said if the government follows through on that threat, the council will look at legal action.

The government is set to start wage negotiations with two of its biggest unions, representing 24,000 civil servants and nurses. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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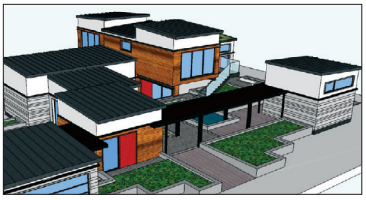

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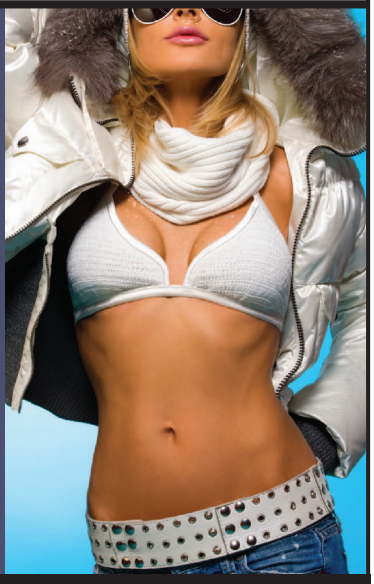

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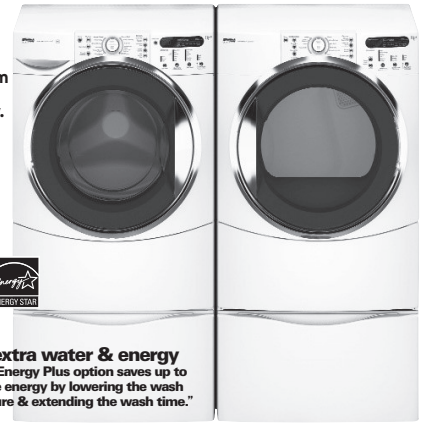

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Scientists say find proves prehistoric animal mobility

A group of Canadian and British paleontologists have found fossils that show the earliest evidence of animal locomotion. The team found fossilized trails at Mistaken Point, south of St. John's, left by Ediacarans, soft-bodied creatures that lived 30 million years before modern animals evolved. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Court convicts 12 in wine scheme

A French court has convicted a dozen people, from wine growers to a wine merchant, in a scheme that exported fake Pinot Noir wine from southwestern France to the United States, duping California-based giant E.&J. Gallo Winery among others. Claude Courset of the Ducasse wine trading company, portrayed as the kingpin, was given the stiffest sentence — a six-month suspended prison term and a $61,000 fine. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Allies in control, still face fighting

AFGHANISTAN American-led forces control the main roads and markets in the besieged Taliban stronghold of Marjah, a U.S. Marine general said Thursday, even as fighting raged elsewhere in the town. Marines and Afghan soldiers encountered better-fortified Taliban positions and more skilled marksmen on the sixth day of the assault, indicating Taliban resistance in their logistics and opium-smuggling centre was far from crushed. A British general said he expected it would take another month to secure the town.

NATO said four service members died Thursday, bringing the number of allied troops killed in the offensive to 10.

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Plane flown into Texas building

Officials say pilot left long note on Internet railing against the IRS

A software engineer furious with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service plowed his small plane into an Austin, Texas, office building housing nearly 200 federal tax employees on Thursday, officials said, setting off a raging fire that sent workers fleeing as thick plumes of black smoke poured into the air.

An official identified the pilot as Joseph Stack — whose home was set on fire just before the crash — and said investigators were looking at an anti-government message on the web linked to him.

The website outlines problems with the IRS and says violence "is the only answer."

Federal law enforcement officials have said they were investigating whether the pilot, who is presumed to have died in the crash, slammed into the Austin building on purpose in an effort to blow up IRS offices. All the officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation was ongoing.

"Violence not only is the answer, it is the only answer," the long note on Stack's website reads, citing past problems with the tax-collecting agency.

"I saw it written once that the definition of insanity is repeating the same process over and over and expecting the outcome to suddenly be different.

"I am finally ready to stop this insanity. Well, Mr. Big Brother IRS man, let's try something different; take my pound of flesh and sleep well," the note, dated Thursday, reads.

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In this TV image, smoke billows from a seven-story building after a small plane crashed into it in Austin, Texas Thursday.

At least one person who worked in the building was unaccounted for and two people were hospitalized, said Austin Fire Department Division Chief Dawn Clopton.

About 190 IRS employees work in the building, and IRS spokesman Richard C. Sanford said the agency was trying to account for all of its workers.

After the plane crashed into the building, flames shot out, windows exploded and workers scrambled to safety. Thick smoke billowed out of the second and third stories hours later as fire crews battled the blaze.

"The ceiling caved in and windows blew in. We got up and ran," said Peggy Walker, an IRS revenue officer who was sitting at her desk in the building when the plane crashed.

"Well, Mr. Big Brother IRS man ... take my pound of flesh and sleep well." Excerpt from alleged pilot Joseph Stack's website

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Lawsuit accuses Philadelphia school of spying on students

WEBCAMS A suburban Philadelphia school district used school-issued laptop webcams to spy on students at home, potentially catching them and their families in compromising situations, a family claims in a federal lawsuit.

Officials at the school district can activate webcams on the computers without students' knowledge or permission, the lawsuit alleges.

Plaintiffs Michael and Holly Robbins suspect the cameras captured students and family members as they undressed and in other embarrassing situations, according to the suit.

Tech initiatives

- The affluent Wynnewood school district prides itself on its technology initiatives, which include giving laptops to each of the approximately 2,300 students at its two high schools.

Tom Halperin, a 15-year-old sophomore from Wynnewood said students are "pretty disgusted" and have started putting masking tape over their computer webcams and microphones.

"This is just bogus," Halperin said. "I just think it's really despicable that they have the ability to just watch me all the time."

The accusations amount to potentially illegal electronic wiretapping, said Witold J. Walczak, legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania, which is not involved in the case.

The plaintiff family said they learned of the alleged webcam images when Lindy Matsko, an assistant high school principal, told their son that school officials thought he had engaged in improper behaviour at home.

The behaviour was not specified in the suit.

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Martinique **Sarkozy in Caribbean**

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French President Nicolas Sarkozy holds a child before meeting local politicians in Martinique, a French Caribbean island, Thursday. Sarkozy's arrival marks the first visit ever by a French president to Haiti.

News in brief

RESIGNATION Ireland's defence minister resigned from his post Thursday after falsely accusing a political rival of running a brothel — and then denying in court that he made the slanderous comment.

U.S. A man accused of being an influential member of the Sinaloa drug cartel was extradited from Mexico to the U.S. on Thursday on charges he helped move tons of cocaine from Colombia to California, New York and Chicago.

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SCANLIFE

Things are looking grim for U.S. Democrats, but right wing infighting may put help halt their sliding fortunes. Scan this code for the story.

Goodwill by Hamas

Group releases 22 Fatah prisoners

The Gaza Strip's Hamas rulers say they have released 22 prisoners belonging to the rival Fatah movement as a goodwill gesture.

Hamas' Interior Ministry spokesman Ehab Ghussein said the prisoners were arrested for security issues and crimes.

Gaza-based Fatah leader Faisal Abu Shalah confirmed the release Thursday, but said the men were arrested for political reasons.

Multiple rounds of Hamas-Fatah reconciliation talks have failed. Hamas says the release seeks to build trust following a visit to Gaza by a senior Fatah official earlier this month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Collapse

- Relations between the two factions collapsed after Hamas seized control of Gaza in 2007 from forces loyal to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. His Fatah-led government has since controlled only the West Bank.

Michelle Obama gives pep talk to visiting British students

CONTEST U.S. first lady Michelle Obama has given a pep talk to visiting students from England, saying they have shown they are not afraid of the hard work that will take them places in life.

Michelle Obama

Obama met with the group of 11 students at the White House Thursday. They are from schools across the London borough of Islington and were rewarded with the trip to the U.S. for winning a Black History Month essay competition.

She urged them to make the most of their high school years. She called it "practice for the rest of your life."

One girl is a student at the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson School in Islington, where Obama spoke during a visit to London last April. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

ROMANIA A 25-year-old woman weighing 528 pounds gave birth to her first baby Thursday in what one expert called a rare and risky case. Victoria Lacatus' healthy baby girl, born by caesarean section, weighed 6.4 pounds, said Bogdan Popescu, a spokesman at Bucharest University Emergency Hospital, which is equipped to treat obese people.

FRANCE A French mayor has filed a legal complaint accusing a fast food restaurant of discrimination because it serves only burgers prepared according to Islamic dietary law. Roubaix Mayor Rene Vandierendonck said he wants the Quick burger chain to "propose a new, diversified" menu. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Former NYC police commissioner gets jail time
Former New York City police Commissioner Bernard Kerik, hailed as a hero after the 9-11 attacks, was sentenced to four years in jail for eight felonies. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The Dalai Lama speaks to reporters outside the White House in Washington Thursday following a closely watched but private meeting with U.S. President Barack Obama.

Dalai Lama says Obama 'supportive'

U.S. President Barack Obama welcomed the Dalai Lama for closely watched White House talks Thursday, risking fallout in China over the get-together and Obama's statement supporting preservation of Tibet's identity and human rights.

"The president commended the Dalai Lama's 'Middle Way' approach, his commitment to nonviolence and his pursuit of dialogue with the Chinese government," White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said after the more than hour-long private meeting.

Speaking to reporters on the White House driveway, the Dalai Lama declared himself "very happy" with the session. The exiled Tibetan leader said he spoke to Obama about the promotion of human value, religious harmony, a greater leadership role for women around the world and the concerns of the Tibetan people. He said Obama was "very much supportive."

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> Robert Gibbs, White House press secretary

Obama's largely symbolic meeting with the Dalai Lama was kept low-key by comparison to other visiting leaders, out of deference to China. With Beijing considering the Buddhist monk a separatist, Obama doesn't want to overly anger China at a time when its co-operation is needed on nuclear standoffs with Iran and North Korea, climate change and other priorities.

So Obama sat down with his fellow Nobel Peace Prize laureate in the Map Room rather than the much-more-photographed Oval Office where presidents usually visit with international leaders. Their talks were held entirely out of view of cameras and the public. Instead, the White House only released just a single White House photo.

Even the description the White House press office gave reporters of the talks was done on paper.

All these gestures — small to many, but important in the supersensitive world of diplomacy — were meant to tamp down China's displeasure that Obama was holding the meeting in the first place.

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Berlusconi tells news agency he'll get tough on corruption

SCANDAL Premier Silvio Berlusconi said Thursday he would present anti-corruption measures to his Cabinet, according to an interview with Italian news agencies Thursday, amid a scandal that has implicated a top government aide.

Berlusconi said the widening scandal had been caused by "scoundrels" and had nowhere near the scope of the vast "Clean Hands" corruption investigation that cleared out of the entire political class in the 1990s.

"There is no return of the 'Clean Hands' investigations, as some have suggested, because the political parties, all of them, have public financing that did not exist in 1992-1993 and which seem to have constrained the parties to seek means of financing," Berlusconi told ANSA and Apcom during an interview in his Rome villa.

The people behind the current scandals are "scoundrels who are profiting from their position for personal gain," he said.

Political commentators have urged Berlusconi to speak up on the scandal involving inflated contracts for last year's Group of Eight summit.

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Soldiers storm Niger palace

GUNMAN Armed soldiers stormed the presidential palace in Niger Thursday afternoon and witnesses said the president was missing after heavy gunfire in the capital of the uranium-rich West African nation.

The violence comes just months after a referendum was passed allowing President Mamadou Tandja to extend his rule for years past the constitutional limit. The opposition protested the referendum, saying it gave Tandja near-totalitarian powers.

A palace chauffeur said the gunmen showed up as a meeting of government ministers was taking place at the palace.

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Cheney sneers at Obama
Former vice-president Dick Cheney says Barack Obama is a "one-term president." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Car bomber kills 13 in Iraq

A suicide car bomb exploded Thursday outside the gate of the main government compound in the capital of Iraq's Anbar province, killing at least 13 people, including four police, a health official said.

The attacker detonated his explosive-packed car at the compound housing the governor's office, police headquarters and courts in downtown Ramadi.

The province, where al-Qaida-backed Sunni insurgents once held sway, has seen a rise in attacks against security forces and government officials in recent months. The incident also comes amid fears that next month's elections will stoke political violence.

The blast also wounded at least 26 people, said Dr. Khudhair Khalaf, the director of the provincial health authority.

Debris from the car bomb could be seen strewn on the blood-stained pavement in front of the compound, along with slippers and a red-checkered traditional tribal headdress. The force of the explosion damaged two civilian cars and a police vehicle and shattered the windows of a nearby restaurant.

Anbar was the site of some of the war's most intense fighting between U.S. forces and insurgents in the key cities of Ramadi and Fallujah, though the province is comparatively peaceful now.

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Taiwan **Low birth rates**

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A young boy holds his sister as their family prays at a temple for the Chinese Lunar New Year in Taipei Thursday. The Chinese New Year, celebrating the Year of the Tiger, began on Feb. 14. A Taiwanese official has urged citizens to procreate amid fears the Year of the Tiger may bring reduced reproduction on the island already with one of the world's lowest birth rates.

News in brief

NUCLEAR U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden said on Thursday the U.S. must spend significantly more to ensure the readiness of American nuclear warheads even as the president presses an agenda to rid the world of those weapons. Biden was making the case for the big jump in spending so that scientists can make certain the aging U.S. nuclear stockpile remains ready for use, if needed, without test explosions.

ASTHMA The U.S. government is taking steps to curb use of some long-acting asthma drugs used by millions, issuing safety restrictions Thursday to lower a life-threatening risk that asthma could worsen suddenly. The Food and Drug Administration's warnings cover the drugs Advair, Symbicort, Foradil and Serevent.

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Watchdog accuses Iran of terror financing failures

The 34-nation fiscal watchdog, Financial Action Task Force, says Iran is failing to take steps to block terrorist financing and money laundering. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Russia cracks down

Russia's president fired two top Interior Ministry officials Thursday and said he would slash thousands of ministry jobs in an attempt to reform a police force widely criticized for corruption and abuse.

President Dmitry Medvedev said the 15,000 cases of police corruption logged last year was "just the tip of the iceberg."

Ten regional police chiefs were also dismissed in the most radical ministerial shakeup since Medvedev came to power in 2008, while Medvedev told police officials he wanted ministry personnel numbers cut in half, to about 10,000.

The Russian public has been increasingly alarmed by police corruption and abuse. Human rights groups say officers routinely use trumped-up charges, torture and blackmail.

Numerous incidents of violence, including an April supermarket shooting spree in which a Moscow police precinct chief killed two people and wounded seven, have put pressure on the Kremlin to act. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bogota **Health decrees protest**

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A man wearing a skull costume breathes through an oxygen mask Thursday during a protest against a package of government decrees for the health sector in Bogota, Colombia.

Cubans to hold mule census

COUNT Will all Cuban mules please stand up? Or at least raise a hoof or two.

The communist government says it is facing a major mule deficit and has commissioned a census of the beasts of burden to determine how bad the problem is. Officials will carry out the census between March 1-10.

How many mules are in Cuba is unknown — hence the need for the census. But authorities tell the government news agency AIN that the island may be facing a deficit of 8,000 in highlands areas alone.

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Discrimination exists

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You ask the city building department for a permit for a new front porch on the old house you've owned for 10 years. The permit is one of these no-brainers that gets issued on the spot, but you get hassled by city staff. They want proof you own the property. You show them that you've filled in that section of the application, but no, they say, we want proof. "You have to bring us a copy of the deed," they say.

You ask them why, and they say, "Well, we don't trust people of your colour, so we have different rules for you."

You want to enrol your four-year-old daughter in a city daycare centre. Your eight-year-old son had gone there so you know what has to be done. You hand in the papers but then a supervisor comes out and says, "You'll have to get a sponsor for your daughter. We have a policy that we don't really trust people with dark coloured skin."

Those two stories aren't true. But the city service that does discriminate against people with dark skin is the Toronto police. According to data from the last six years analyzed by the Toronto Star, a black person is three times more likely than a white person to be stopped by police, three times more likely to be charged with a driving offence, three times more likely to be held in jail rather than released.

"Sadly, racial discrimination is alive and well in Toronto. You can't say it doesn't happen here — it happens every day, by our police force."

Bill Blair, chief of police, doesn't dispute the figures about the racial profiling done by police, and implies it is normal and maybe a good thing. Since the Star published this information 10 days ago, not a single elected politician in Toronto or member of the Toronto Police Services Board has spoken out against this discrimination by our police force.

Sadly, racial discrimination is alive and well in Toronto. You can't say it doesn't happen here — it happens every day, by our police force. We're no world class city.

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Views

The allure of GPS programming while driving

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Here in Vancouver, hordes of people have descended for the Olympics. Most out-of-towners are wandering through the streets on foot — but some brave souls have decided to battle the traffic in vehicles. And to help navigate the way to Olympic venues, a trusty GPS directs tourists to Whistler, Richmond and elsewhere.

Fortunately, a lot of these drivers have a passenger in the car to plug in directions. But a CBC Marketplace poll found — across Canada — that's often not the case. Almost half the time (47 per cent), drivers said they personally program their navigation devices while the car is in motion — dangerous because 80 per cent of car accidents happen when drivers take their eyes off the road.

And check out the latest statistics from police. In Ontario, lawmakers made it illegal as of Feb. 1 to use a handheld device (like cellphones and a GPS) while driving. In Toronto alone, in the first week of February, cops handed out 1,499 tickets under the "distracted driving law." And the Ontario Provincial Police have issued 236 tickets and 572 warnings so far this month.

Since the law was proclaimed in October (police didn't issue tickets until this month), the OPP has issued 3,832 warnings! That's a lot of people who think that doing something other than concentrating on driving is A-OK, regardless of new laws.

And why are people programming on the go? Because they can. Makers of portable GPS devices say they're not responsible if people don't drive safely. When it comes to a GPS built right into a vehicle, some automakers offer GPS systems that lock out drivers from programming while the car is in motion — some don't.

"We looked at what's required to use that system, and we found that certain tasks, like entering a destination, are more difficult and should be done when a vehicle is stopped," said Tom O'Dell, GM Canada's manager of technical planning.

Transport Canada has known for years that programming a GPS while driving may be a hazard. In 2003, it was looking at whether or not to regulate the use of these devices in moving vehicles. But no deal was ever made with the makers of GPS devices built into cars (and the agency has no mandate over the portable navigators).

Back to those Olympic tourists and their GPS's … there is one other place the devices fall short. If drivers are looking for the road to gold, only the athletes know how to get there.

Tonight on Marketplace, find out what happens when test drivers are asked to find directions on their GPS. That's at 8:30 p.m. on CBC Television.

Erica Johnson is a journalist and co-host of Marketplace, which airs each Friday at 8:30 p.m. on CBC Television.

Worth mentioning

Winter Olympics score gold for composting

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There's more than one kind of Olympic gold in them thar hills.

Whistler Village is turning mountains of garbage, and rivers of — well, let's just say gold and bronze — into black gold at its spanking new, if rather malodorous, multimillion-dollar composting facility.

90 The plants' two, 80-metre-long composting tunnels can swallow up to 35 tonnes of food waste and up to 90 tonnes of bio-solids per week — and churn it out the other end two weeks later as a rich, black loam that is sold to contractors and the public and is also used by the municipality.

The 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver and Whistler have been selling themselves as the greenest Games ever. The municipality of Whistler, along with nearby Pemberton and Squamish, are doing their part.

While the trash volume at the village transfer station hasn't yet reached Olympian proportions, Whistler's municipal operations manager Ron Sander says the sewage system was near 95 per cent capacity on the Games' opening weekend and the peak flow appears to be holding steady.

All that sewage is being handled by a brand new, environmentally-sensitive wastewater treatment plant that sits adjacent to the Whistler athletes village. The $38.5-million treatment facility wasn't part of the Olympic project, but construction started two years ago and the 2010 Games clearly pushed the municipal team.

"It definitely gave us a deadline," said Sander.

"It gave us the anticipation of the rush to flush, so we had to deal with that."

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Abbey Road studios for sale

Britain's National Trust may intervene to protect the Abbey Road studios where the Beatles recorded most of their hits. The London studios are being put up for sale by the cash-strapped record company EMI. There are fears they could fall into private hands and be demolished. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Transcontinental faces changes

MARKETING Publishing company Transcontinental says the print medium isn't dead.

But company founder Remi Marcoux told Transcontinental's annual meeting that its long-term success will be assured by its transformation over the past year and its ability to offer new services based on digital communications. Transcontinental closed plants and shed 2,000 workers last year.

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Retail Giving away the store

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Bob Moore, of Milwaukie, Ore., speaks with employee Lan Hughes. Moore celebrated his 81st birthday Wednesday by transfering his entire whole-grain production business to his employees. The business includes a retail store and restaurant .

Bing, Yahoo ready to roll

Regulators give partnership green light

Microsoft Corp. and Yahoo Inc. have received clearance from regulators in Washington and Europe to proceed with a search partnership intended to challenge Google Inc.

The companies announced yesterday that the partnership has been approved without restrictions by the Justice Department and the European Commission. Under the 10-year agreement, Microsoft's Bing search engine will steer search-related ads on Yahoo. Yahoo is due to get 88 per cent of the revenue generated from the ads placed alongside the search results on its sites.

The companies said they will begin implementing the deal in the coming days by shifting Yahoo's search platforms to Microsoft. They hope to move most advertisers and publishers before the 2010 holiday season, but may wait until 2011 if necessary, and expect to complete the process by early 2012.

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Want to buy Whistler? It may be up for sale

At the height of its Olympic glory, Whistler — the ski resort hosting glamorous Alpine events at the Winter Games — may be headed for the auction block.

It's owned by a New York hedge fund that is reportedly behind on a $524 million loan payment, the result of flagging resort business and plummeting property values.

Creditors are calling an auction to put Whistler and other property up for sale Friday.

If Whistler does get sold — meaning the slopes, the lifts, the property, all of it — some locals worry about an uncertain future.

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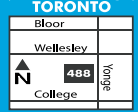

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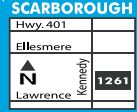

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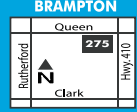

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Vote of confidence for women's hockey

International Ice Hockey Federation president Rene Fasel says the women's tournament will remain part of future Olympics despite the fact that the Canada and the U.S. are "on another planet." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vancouver Games

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What to watch today

TVHighlights

Noon: Women's curling
China vs. Denmark (Sportsnet).
2:30 p.m.: Alpine skiing
Men's super-G gold medal (CTV, TSN).
3 p.m.: Men's hockey
Belarus vs. Sweden (Sportsnet).
4 p.m.: Cross-country skiing
Women's 15 km pursuit gold medal (OLN).
5 p.m.: Men's curling
Denmark vs. Canada (TSN).
6:45 p.m.: Skeleton
Men's and women's gold medals (OLN).
7:30 p.m.: Men's hockey
Czech Republic vs. Latvia (Sportsnet).
8 p.m.: Figure skating
Ice dance, compulsory dance (TSN).
10 p.m.: Women's curling
Denmark vs. Canada (Sportsnet).
Midnight.: Men's hockey
Finland vs. Germany (CTV).

Find a complete schedule of this weekend's Olympic events at metronews.ca.

VANCOUVER GAMES

MedalCount

NATION				TOTAL
U.S.	5	4	6	15
Germany	4	4	3	11
Norway	3	3	2	8
Canada	3	3	1	7
South Korea	3	2	0	5
Switzerland	3	0	1	4
France	2	1	4	7
China	2	1	1	4
Sweden	2	0	1	3
Austria	1	2	2	5
Netherlands	1	1	1	3
Russia	1	1	1	3
Slovakia	1	1	0	2
Czech Republic	1	0	1	2
Italy	0	1	3	4
Poland	0	2	0	2
Belarus	0	1	1	2

On the web

- Up-to-date medal standings and results
- Complete day-by-day event schedule
- Vancouver managing editor Fernando Carneiro's daily column (metronews.ca/columns)
- Metro-Blenz News Squad on-the-ground blog

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Swiss near miss for Team Canada

Shootout win lets Canadians avoid repeat of 2006 upset by Switzerland

Sidney Crosby scored in a shootout as Canada eked out a 3-2 victory over Switzerland Thursday at the Winter Olympics in a game that evoked scary memories of the Swiss upset win four years ago in Turin.

Canada was stymied for much of the game by Jonas Hiller in the Swiss goal. Martin Brodeur stopped all four Swiss shooters while Crosby scored on Canada's fourth shot to secure the win before a sea of red-and-white clad Canadian fans at Canada Hockey House.

"I look forward to that chance and am glad I made the most of it," Crosby said of scoring the shootout winner.

It was the fourth anniversary of Canada's agonizing 2-0 loss at the 2006 Games when they were stoned by goalie Martin Gerber, who missed these Games with an injury.

This time, it was Hiller who frustrated Canada's collection of NHL stars. The Canadians outshot the Swiss 46-23 in regulation time and overtime.

"It was one of those nights where he was focused and in the zone," Crosby said of Hiller.

Dany Heatley and Patrick Marleau scored for Canada while Ivo Rutheman and Patrick von Gunten replied for Switzerland in regulation time.

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Canada's Patrick Marleau attempts to tip a shot past Switzerland goalie Jonas Hiller in first-period action at Canada Hockey Place Thursday night. Canada won 3-2 in a shootout.

Bettman

- NHL commissioner Gary Bettman insists there's still plenty of time for an agreement to be reached on further Olympic participation and says his sole focus now is on the tournament currently underway in Vancouver.

The Swiss have only two NHL players, captain Mark Streit and Hiller, but they battled even up for most of the game and gave Canada a scare.

"It was one of the best games I've ever seen from the Swiss national team," Hiller said.

Olympic rules give three points for a win and only two for a win in overtime or a shootout, so Canada has five points from two games, one behind the United States, who improved to 2-0-0 with a 6-1 win over Norway. THE CANADIAN PRESS

With earbuds in, snowboarders call the tunes

PLAYLISTS The crowd erupts as the announcer belts your name and rock 'n' roll echoes from below.

Sounds like the perfect atmosphere to pump up an Olympic athlete, right?

Not on the halfpipe, where snowboarders are rocking out to their own beat.

"It kind of blocks out all the peripherals and when the crowd's down (there) roaring, I'll be listening to like Drop The World by Lil Wayne or something like that," said Canadian Jeff Batchelor, who cranks up his iPod during training and competition.

"I have a pretty killer playlist that I just sort of let run through, but four minutes before my run I like to throw on the Cops theme song Bad Boys."

Rules allow halfpipe riders to listen to their own music at events, including the Olympics, and many are wired for sound when as they drop into the pipe.

Batchelor's current staples include Eminem, Avenged Sevenfold, Jay Z, tracks from snowboard videos and songs from the video game Rock Band.

"I love to rock out on Rock Band and ... when I play Rock Band I'm in a happy place, so if I listen to those tunes I'm in a happy place," he said.

Some listen to fire themselves up, while others try to block out the venue's sound system, which continuously blasts music at the base of the pipe, even during an Olympic event.

"(It's) really funny because sometimes you'll see them bopping away to the beat and it's totally opposite to what they're playing at the bottom," said Canadian halfpipe coach Tom Hutchinson.

"You think like, 'Man, these kids have no rhythm at all.'"

For other riders, it's all about tuning out the occasional wisecracking emcees.

Earlier this season, American Louie Vito, known for his stint on the TV show Dancing with the Stars, couldn't compete anywhere without getting razzed about it.

At a competition in Copper Mountain, Colo., the emcee cracked jokes about the diminutive Vito every time he cruised down the pipe. Meanwhile, the DJ played Elton John's Tiny Dancer.

Vito, listening to his iPod, couldn't hear the song, but his buddies told him about it after he finished.

"I am small and I was a dancer, so it fits quite fine, I guess," said the five-foot-five Vito.

But not every rider wears headphones when they sail down the halfpipe.

Justin Lamoureux, who finished seventh in Wednesday's Olympic halfpipe final, never listens to tunes during competition.

"I was just getting the energy from the crowd," the Squamish, B.C. resident said after the event.

"It's pretty much the chance of a lifetime to have the Olympics at home, in my backyard ... so I just wanted to hear the roar." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadians snowboarder Jeff Batchelor

Vonn's crash opens door for Riesch

Maria Riesch of Germany won the women's super-combined gold medal at the Vancouver Olympics Thursday after her friend and close rival Lindsey Vonn missed a gate in the slalom leg and crashed.

Vonn, who had said her badly bruised right shin was bothering her after her victory in Wednesday's downhill, was last among the leaders to ski in the slalom run after being fastest in the morning downhill leg.

She was 0.07 seconds ahead of Reisch's pace at the first checkpoint but fell behind by 0.18 seconds at the second checkpoint, then missed a gate and lost her right ski before tumbling to the snow.

Riesch had a total time of 2 minutes 09.14 seconds to beat Julia Mancuso of the United States by 0.94 seconds.

It was a second silver in as many days for Mancuso, who was runner-up to Vonn in the downhill race. Anja Paerson of Sweden took the bronze, 1.05 behind Riesch THE CANADIAN PRESS

Swiss bobsled driver OK after crash
Switzerland's Beat Hefti, the top-ranked two-man bobsled driver in the world, is reportedly OK after slamming his head in a pre-Olympic training crash at the Whistler Sliding Centre. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vancouver Games

Narrow win nets Nesbitt gold

Canadian speedskater brings home medal from long-track race

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Canadian speedskater Christine Nesbitt skates with the Canadian flag Thursday after winning the gold medal in the womens 1,000-metre long-track speedskating event at the Olympic Winter Games in Richmond, B.C.

For someone who had just gutted out a sensational come-from-behind finish to capture Canada's third gold by only the squeakiest of margins, speedskater Christine Nesbitt is pretty darn hard on herself.

"It wasn't pretty," said Nesbitt, who beat Dutch silver medallist Annette Gerritsen by the razor-thin edge of her skate in the women's 1,000-metre long track in Richmond Thursday.

She won the race by a mere 0.02 of a second and was visibly disappointed as she glanced at her time on the scoreboard. She said she didn't think her time would stand through the final pairing and said afterwards that she "didn't come to the Games to win bronze."

Nesbitt's scathing and unflinching self critique — "I love criticizing myself," she admitted — has transformed the 24-year-old from Calgary into the fastest 1,000m skater in the world.

Nesbitt has won all four World Cups this year in the 1,000m and held the fastest personal time among the skaters. She was the odds-on favourite, but succumbed to jitters at the start of the race in front of the loud hometown crowd.

"I was really nervous," Nesbitt said. "When the gun went off, instead of skating, I just kind of panicked."

Nesbitt slipped on her second or third step and immediately fell out of rhythm. She was leading her pair at the 200-metre mark, but quickly realized she was off-pace.

"I knew I wasn't skating very well and I felt, with a lap to go, that the crowd went silent, or went a little bit quieter when they saw how far behind I was."

"I was really nervous. When the gun went off, instead of skating, I just kind of panicked."
Christine Nesbitt

It was then, however, that the long hours of training and preparing mentally took over. She drove from about 10th position at the 600-metre mark to finish first. The crowd erupted when she crossed the finish.

Kristina Groves, who captured bronze in Monday's 3,000m race, finished fourth, missing the podium by 0.06 of a second, behind Dutch bronze-medallist Laurine van Riessen.

"That's what it is," said Groves.

"I was lucky the other way the other day: 0.03 to get the bronze. That's the way it goes."

No reason for ski team panic ... Yet

WHISTLER It may be too early to panic over the Canadian ski team's dwindling chances of winning three Olympic medals, but a worried finger is hovering over the button.

No one wearing a Maple Leaf waved from the podium after the women's super-combined event Thursday.

It's the third race of the Games where Canadian skiers came away empty-handed.

The men's super-giant slalom Friday will be the next chance for a Canadian to win the country's first Olympic ski medal in 16 years.

The women's super-G is Saturday.

"The super-Gs are two big races," said Max Gartner, Alpine Canada's chief athletics officer. "If we don't have any medals after the super-Gs I'm going to get a little worried.

"We knew it was going to be a tough competition. I think we still have some chances. I'm going to remain optimistic."

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Three wise Olympians offer words of wisdom

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All this talk of "Owning the Podium" is a distraction from what's really happening at the Olympics.

Yes, the fascination with winning is healthy and something to be expected for fans of home country athletes.

But failing to recognize the performances of those who haven't claimed a medal is something to be avoided.

There is, after all, a lot to be said for the struggle and the integrity of the Olympic journey in spite of the fact that it doesn't always culminate with gold, silver or bronze.

A case in point is the experience of three Canadian women who raced in luge at Whistler.

No medals, no prizes to carry home and next to no appreciation of their efforts. Heck, they couldn't even get on TV after the race was over — dropped from the lineup so hockey analysts could breakdown the ins and outs of a Canadian dismantling of Norwegians in a preliminary match.

It is understandable given our obsession with the hunt for hockey gold.

Still, to dismiss the contributions of Regan Lauscher, Meaghen Simister and Alex Gough — athletes who persevered in spite of tragedy and major alterations to the field of play — seems less than Canadian.

Listen to what these three women had to say when their Olympic moment was over.

"It was the race of my life," said Meaghan Simister of Regina.

"It's the Olympics and you have to take what comes," said Alex Gough of Calgary, as she considered the aftermath of a Georgian slider's death, which tainted the competition.

"The greatest advice we get is to expect the unexpected. This was about rising to the challenge and coming through it."

The last word belonged to Regan Lauscher of Red Deer, her third and last Olympic appearance behind her. There were no regrets at not having ascended the podium, but rather another sentiment vastly more important.

Regan Lauscher

"Complete and total gratitude," Lauscher said. "I feel extremely privileged to be Canadian and a Canadian athlete. It's been an opportunity that I never could have dreamed of in a sport I wasn't sure I wanted to do. Walking away from this with the experiences and friendships and all that I've had ... will be etched in my heart forever."

It wasn't about Owning the Podium for these wise athletes. It was about racing with purpose and dignity.

These are the most important things to possess at any Olympic Games.

Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. A 20-year CBC Sports veteran, he has covered a variety of professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

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Canada's medal count will rack up soon: Olympic committee

STANDINGS The Canadian Olympic Committee says don't worry about the home team's medal count. Canada will finish the Vancouver Games with a bang.

Christine Nesbitt's gold in long-track speedskating Thursday upped Canada's medal total to seven, tied with France behind Germany and the United States. The goal is to finish first in the medal standings.

"We know we're on the right track and we're on track here," COC chief executive Chris Rudge told a briefing Thursday.

Rudge says Canada is ahead of where it was four years ago at the Winter Games in Turin, where Canada ranked eighth at the same stage.

Caroline Assalian, executive director of Olympic preparation for the COC, says Canada has its best medal chances near the end of the Games.

"The last four days of these Games will be spectacular for the Canadian Olympic team."
Caroline Assalian, COC

"The last four days of these Games will be spectacular for the Canadian Olympic team, that's where we will really rack up the medals."

Assalian said Canada has strong medal hopes in short- and long-track speedskating, skeleton, freestyle skiing, ski cross, bobsled, curling and hockey.

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Vancouver Games in brief

CURLING Canadian curler Cheryl Bernard has made it three wins in a row to start the Vancouver Olympics. The Calgary skip knocked off the previously undefeated German squad 6-5 yesterday in front of a thunderous hometown crowd. Bernard's rink will next hit the ice Friday night against Denmark. In other women's action, Britain pounded Russia 10-3, Denmark beat the United States 7-6 and China knocked off Japan 9-5.

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Sato joins IndyCar series

Former Formula One driver Takuma Sato has joined the IndyCar series for the 2010 season. Sato will drive for KV Racing Technology and will join fellow Japanese driver Hideki Mutoh on the 17-race IndyCar series. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Santana feels confident

New York Mets ace Johan Santana, left, is feeling confident about his rebuilt left elbow and his team. Santana, who reported to spring training Thursday, says he feels fine throwing all of his pitches. Santana had elbow surgery late last season. The two-time Cy Young winner began throwing off a mound during a minicamp last month. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Raptors stand pat at trade deadline

"My job is to make (Chris Bosh) want to stay, because we're going to be pretty darn good."
Jay Triano, Raptors coach

NBA Chris Bosh ambled through a darkened hallway and disappeared behind a set of elevator doors. The Toronto Raptors were still practising, the NBA's trade deadline was fast approaching and it was soon revealed that Bosh, Toronto's unquestioned star, would not be playing in the team's next game.

He had not been traded, though, just injured. The 25-year-old suffered a mild sprain in his left ankle while blocking a shot in Wednesday's overtime loss to the Memphis Grizzlies, and was headed off to see the doctor while his general manager saw what was available at the deadline.

Bryan Colangelo opted not to make a move by the 3 p.m. ET cut-off, leaving his resurgent team untouched, and allowing the speculation to circle around Bosh, who is set to become a free agent this summer.

"Right now, I think Chris is playing very good basketball, and he's a big part of this team," Raptors coach Jay Triano said after Thursday's practice. "My job is to make him want to stay, because we're going to be pretty darn good."

Bosh, who just returned from his fifth straight appearance at the NBA's all-star game, will be part of an eye-popping crop of free agents that includes Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James and Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade.

"We also have another card to play in this if we don't deal him now — which we're not trying to do," Triano said. "If, at the end of the year he wants to go somewhere else, we're the team that can offer him the most money. And if he's leaving somewhere for the money, then it would be a sign-and-trade situation."

Bosh's immediate future is clearer: He did not accompany the team on its trip to New Jersey, and he will not be in the lineup when the Raptors visit the Nets Friday.

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What will Tiger say?

Anticipation runs high for golfer's statement

When Tiger Woods makes his first public appearance in nearly three months Friday, the big question is what will he say?

The topic was intriguing Americans — Woods was a trendy subject on Twitter a full day before his appearance.

Almost as intriguing is which "friends, colleagues and close associates" will be in the Sunset Room on the second floor of the Mediterranean-style clubhouse at the TPC Sawgrass.

Woods hasn't been seen in public since crashing his car into a tree outside his Florida home Nov. 27, sparking sordid revelations of infidelity, and he hasn't been heard in the 78 days since a magazine released a voice mail that he allegedly left for one of the women to whom he has been romantically linked, pleading with her to remove his number from her cellphone.

U.S. PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem, who made the clubhouse available and was offering logistical help, has said he would attend, and as many as four other members of his executive staff will be in the room.

A British bookmaker has set odds at 4-to-7 that Woods' wife, Elin, will be with him. William Hill didn't stop there, however. It offers 8-to-1 odds that Woods will announce he is getting a divorce, 12-to-1 odds that his wife is pregnant and 100-to-1 odds that he is retiring.

"While Tiger feels that what happened is fundamentally a matter between he and his wife, he also recognizes that he has hurt and let down a lot of other people who were close to him," his agent, Mark Steinberg, said in an email Wednesday.

"He also let down his fans. He wants to begin the process of making amends and that's what he's going to discuss."

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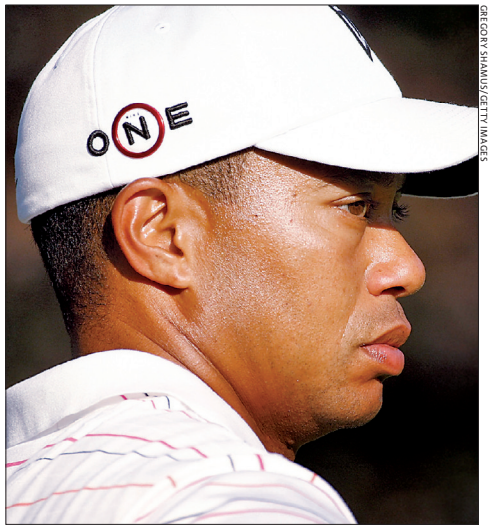

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A British bookmaker has set the odds at 4-to-7 that Tiger Woods' wife, Elin, will be by his side during Friday's appearance.

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Israel's Peer succeeding at Dubai Championships

Shahar Peer is proving unstoppable at the Dubai Championships one year after the Israeli was denied a chance to play in the tournament. Peer beat a seeded player for the third time in four matches and advanced to the semifinals with a 7-5, 3-0 win over No. 8 seed and Australian Open semifinalist Li Na. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Knicks acquire T-Mac

Stoudemire stays in Phoenix as trade deadline passes

The Cleveland Cavaliers hope they took another step toward keeping LeBron James. The New York Knicks are in better position for a run at him — and a second superstar, too.

And they aren't the only team lining up for a chance to become a summer spender.

The Knicks acquired former scoring champion Tracy McGrady Thursday in a three-team swap with the Houston Rockets and the Sacramento Kings. The deal left them on the verge of being able to offer two maximum salary contracts to the 2010 free agent class that could be headlined by James.

Amare Stoudemire could be in the market for one if he decides to leave Phoenix — where he will again finish the season after spending the weeks before the deadline atop the trade rumour mill.

"I've maintained that unless there was something out there that improved our team and put us in a lot better position moving forward, then we weren't going to do anything. And that was the case," Suns general manager Steve Kerr said.

Chicago, Washington and Sacramento all cleared enough salary in moves before the 3 p.m. ET deadline to be able to afford a max player, and the Los Angeles Clippers got close.

Tracy McGrady

The Cavaliers gave James more reason to stay home. They acquired forward Antawn Jamison Wednesday, a deal that could make the Eastern Conference leaders even stronger.

"We're trying to build a franchise that all players want to be a part of, that can have sustainable success and do things at a high level," general manager Danny Ferry said. "Clearly, LeBron's an important player for northeast Ohio, for Cleveland, for the Cavaliers. It's all ground in winning, too. Antawn can help us win. We're excited what he can bring to us over the next few years."

The Knicks can afford James and perhaps someone else in the class that could include Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh.

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Suns GM says keeping Stoudemire was best option for his team. Scan this code for the story.

By including Jared Jeffries in the deal for McGrady, whose $22.5-million US contract expires after this season, the Knicks removed $6.9 million from next season's payroll and left them with about $32 million in salary cap space.

Those top free agents would each earn a little more than $16.5 million in the first season of a max deal.

In the meantime, the Knicks hope McGrady can lead them into the playoff race.

He's only played six games this season after returning from knee surgery, but is convinced he has plenty left.

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Jenkins, rest of Jays' future on full display

BASEBALL Chad Jenkins is a world apart from Nazem Kadri when it comes to focus and hype on first round draft selections in Toronto.

Jenkins, the Jays' first selection in last June's draft, remains an unknown compared to Kadri, the Leafs' first-rounder who already is hailed as the club's potential top line centre next season.

Jenkins won't fit into the Jays plans as readily as Kadri does with the Leafs, but the big right-hander from Kennesaw State University is part of a wide open future the Jays are trying to build in the post Roy Halladay era.

Chad Jenkins

That future is being witnessed in the early stages of spring training as 37 pitchers — one of the highest totals in team history — begin competing for jobs.

The club has a three-year plan to produce one of the best, if not the best, pitching staffs in the American League. And it will begin that process by picking and developing from this group of 37.

Jenkins is a first-rounder who is trying to keep everything in perspective regarding his first round status. He hasn't made the headlines in Toronto like Kadri, but he is dealing with a similar kind of pressure.

"No, it hasn't changed me," Jenkins said of his first-round status.

"If anything, it's been the pressure. People think certain things about you and you try to live up to them, and that's what can make it worse. I'm trying to work as hard as I can and not stick out for anything unusual."

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Remaining top four seeds beaten in Match Play

GOLF The often-unpredictable Match Play Championship more than lived up to its reputation in a topsy-turvy second round when the remaining top four seeds and defending champion were beaten at Dove Mountain Thursday.

An event already minus Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson sent several of the world's best to an early exit.

Lee Westwood, Jim Furyk, Martin Kaymer and Rory McIlroy — seeded second through fifth entering the tournament — were among the day's losers.

Defending champion Geoff Ogilvy was beaten by Colombian Camilo Villegas 2 and 1. Top-seeded Steve Stricker lost in Wednesday's first round.

The highest remaining seed was England's Paul Casey at No. 6. Casey, the runner-up a year ago who won the World Match Play Championship in England in 2006, swiftly dispatched Mike Weir of Bright's Grove, Ont., 5 and 4.

The field was narrowed to 16 for Thursday's third round on the sun-drenched desert course near Tucson.

Woods, obviously, skipped the event because of his personal woes, and Mickelson begged off to go on vacation with his family.

International

- The final 16 features five players from the United States, three each from England and South Africa and one apiece from Colombia, Spain, Japan, India and Thailand.

If that didn't take enough lustre off the event, news that Woods would make his first public statement on his sex scandal Friday certainly did.

But despite the lower profile, the Match Play is proving to be a wide-open competition.

"Like you saw, Steve Stricker won two weeks ago and lost yesterday. So it's a crazy format," said American Nick Watney, who beat Westwood 2 and 1.

Westwood, an Englishman, came back from two down to pull even after 13 holes.

Watney, in his first Match Play appearance, regrouped to win the par-4 14th and 15th with birdies to win 2 and 1.

The closest two matches of the day went 20 holes, England's Oliver Wilson beating McIlroy, and South African Retief Goosen defeating Ernie Els.

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Sports in brief

FREE AGENTS Carolina defensive end Julius Peppers, Buffalo wide receiver Terrell Owens and New Orleans safety Darren Sharper are among 235 NFL players scheduled to become unrestricted free agents next month. A complete list of players with at least six seasons in the league and contracts due to expire was posted Thursday by the NFL on NFLLabor.com.

BASKETBALL The New Jersey Nets have reached a deal with the state to move their regular-season games to Newark's Prudential Center for two years until their arena is built in Brooklyn. Under the deal, the Nets will pay a $4-million US penalty over two years to get out of their lease at the Izod Center in the Meadowlands.

TRIAL The Minnesota state lawsuit over the NFL's suspensions of Vikings players Kevin Williams and Pat Williams will go to trial next month. The Williamses were suspended for four games after testing positive in 2008 for a banned substance that can mask the presence of steroids.

SHOOTING A high school football star who had signed to play at Vanderbilt University was shot to death Thursday by his mother's ex-boyfriend, police said. Officers heard gunshots as they arrived at the home where Rajaan Bennett, 18, lived with his mother, Powder Springs Lt. Matt Boyd said. Inside they found Bennett, a running back at McEachern High School, dead of a gunshot wound.

SOCCER In danger of going out of business, Portsmouth has asked the Premier League if it can sell players outside of the transfer window to raise cash and pay its debts. The transfer window ended at the beginning of February. But Portsmouth is opposing a winding up order from the government Revenue and Customs authority over an 11.5-million pounds ($18.73 million) tax bill and is trying to convince all involved that it can eventually pay its way.

BASEBALL Infielder Erick Aybar and the Los Angeles Angels agreed Thursday to a $2.05-million US, one-year contract that avoided a salary arbitration hearing.

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2010 Auto Show

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Test drive program a hit

You can take the Camaro SS for a test drive at the auto show.

MICHAEL GOETZ
for Metro Canada

First, the good news. Head to Chevrolet's display at the Toronto Auto Show and the fine folks there will escort you to a lethal Camaro SS in the parking garage — which you can drive for 20 minutes or so.

Now the bad news: Expect to wait about two hours, maybe three or four if you're going on the weekend. But with a wristband policy in effect, the wait can be enjoyable.

Robin Buck, who manages Test Drive 2010 for the auto show, notes that most patrons sign up for a Camaro test drive time slot as soon as they arrive, then they go and tour the show. When they return at their appointed time, they can just jump in the reborn Chevy pony car, and go.

Of course the big wait is just for the Camaro. If you want to drive any of the other eight GM vehicles or four Subaru vehicles, all also part of Test Drive 2010, then the wait is of a different order — you might not have to wait at all.

The other participating manufacturer is Mercedes-Benz, though its involvement is a bit different. While it joins GM and Subaru in this new auto show initiative, Mercedes-Benz has, for six years or so now, rented the Ontario Place parking lot, and offered test drives on a circuit set up within the confines of that lot. It is doing the same thing this year.

JoAnne Caza of Mercedes-Benz Canada told us the program has been a great tool to reach out to potential customers, particularly those under the impression the Mercedes brand is unattainable or unapproachable. "We're trying to change that perception, and offering test drives in this casual, informal way, helps us get there."

If you want to drive a GM or Subaru, show up at their respective displays and they'll take you to their cars, parked in the bowels of the Convention Centre. If you want to drive a smart or Mercedes-Benz, show up at its booth, and you'll be shuttled to Ontario Place.

Subaru's David Forrest said the automaker joined the Test Drive party because it was anxious to show off its all-new Outback and Legacy. Both vehicles feature new CVT automatic transmission. "We want people to experience our CVTs for themselves ... take those misconceptions right off the table."

All the automakers have found customers are quite anxious to get behind the wheel and drive.

Testers like the fact that there are no salespeople riding shotgun — only "right-seat escorts" who help with navigation and product information, Buck says. They don't work for dealerships.

We caught up with one tester, Gunther Rathgeb, as he climbed out of the Cadillac SRX4 he just took for a spin. Though he was disappointed he couldn't let the Caddi stretch its legs a bit more on the route's city streets, he thought his turn of the wheel gave him a pretty good feel for the vehicle, one he is definitely considering buying.

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Luxurious hybrids all the rage

MICHAEL GOETZ
for Metro Canada

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Here are three high-end rides currently on display at the 2010 Toronto Auto Show. While each can brag about the cleanliness of their electrified powertrains, that's not the whole reason for their existence. Their powertrains are there to be clean and give their high-heeled potential clients the power they crave.

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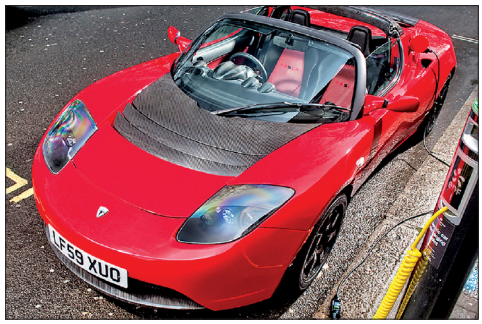

The all-electric high-performance Tesla Roadster.

BMW ActiveHybrid 7

The BMW ActiveHybrid 7 is one of two hybrid models the automaker will introduce to the Canadian market this year. While the other — the ActiveHybrid X6 — is a two-mode hybrid and can therefore be driven solely on electric power at times, the ActiveHybrid 7 is a "mild" hybrid; its electric motor will always work in concert with the big 4.4-litre V8 gas engine lurking under the front hood.

Not that this new twin-turbo direct-injection V8 needs any help; it makes about 440 hp and 480 lb-ft of torque. The electric motor sandwiched between that gas engine and the torque converter will effectively boost the power quotient to 455 hp and 516 lb-ft of torque.

BMW says it will use 15 per cent less dinosaur juice than the "regular" 750Li "long-wheelbase" 7 Series model (on which this hybrid is based). Prices yet to be announced, but expect a sizable premium over the 750Li, which already asks $113,200.

The obvious competitors to ActiveHybrid 7 are the new Mercedes-Benz S400 BlueyHybrid, and the Lexus LS 600hL, which started this whole luxury hybrid niche.

Lexus LF-Ch Concept

Lexus already offers more hybrid models than any other luxury make. It recently added the small (or Prius-like) HS250h sedan to its hybrid portfolio. The Lexus LF-Ch asks the question: Should Lexus even offer a smaller, 5-door hatch hybrid?

"Entry-level luxury buyers have told us that they are looking for a hybrid option, and their response to the LF-Ch concept will be an important factor in determining whether this vehicle will become a production model," noted Larry Hutchinson, director of Lexus in Canada.

Under the skin is the latest version of Lexus Hybrid Drive technology as packaged in the HS250h. So there is 2.4-litre Atkinson-cycle engine, nickel-metal hydride pack, and electric motor. A drive model allows drivers to select between four modes: Normal, Eco, EV, and Sport. According to Lexus literature, that Sport mode "amplifies throttle response for the most enthusiastic drivers."

Tesla Roadster

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Mia Wasikowska says she was feeling very "bizarre" while filming Tim Burton's take on Alice In Wonderland. See inside for more.

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Scorsese takes on the thriller genre with Shutter Island.

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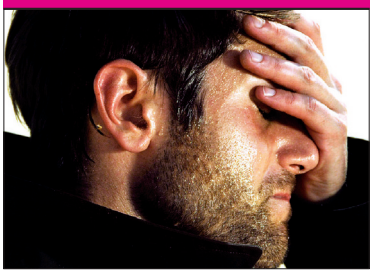

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Through the rabbit hole in 3-D

Life gets curiouser and curiouser for Alice actress

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Movie **feature**

Australian Mia Wasikowska might not be particularly well known now, but that's all about to change.

The actress was the surprise choice to play the titular Alice In Wonderland in the upcoming 3-D adaptation by director Tim Burton.

That's a pretty iconic character and giant film to take on for a 19-year-old with little blockbuster experience, but an opportunity that Wasikowska couldn't resist.

"There's a certain amount of pressure that comes with playing a character who is beloved by so many generations," Wasikowska admitted to Metro. "But you just have to keep in mind that you can't really please everyone. It was really important to remember that we were making our version of Alice and to stick with our version. That's something that Tim and I started talking about very early on."

Tim Burton has taken a slightly different approach to the material than expected and Wasikowska promises that audiences will get a new interpretation of Lewis Carroll's classic world and characters.

Alice In Wonderland opens March 5

"Alice is 19 in our story, so she's a very different person than she was when she was seven," revealed Wasikowska. "She comes back to Wonderland without any recollection of the previous visit at that age when young women all of a sudden face new expectations from their family and society. So this movie is about trying to hold onto yourself amongst that and trying to figure out the balance between pleasing others and pleasing yourself."

Alice in Wonderland director Tim Burton explains his vision to Mia Wasikowska, who plays the title character in the upcoming re-imagining of the popular book.

Sounds just like the sort of tale of outsiders fighting for individuality that we've come to expect from Burton in films like Edward Scissorhands and Ed Wood.

To achieve the strange almost living cartoon visual design that Burton was striving for, practically all of the film was shot on a green screen with most of the sets and even some characters animated with computers later.

It was a filmmaking experience unlike anything Wasikowska had done before and one she admits to finding quite odd.

"It was bizarre to shoot in that kind of environment. But I think it worked for this project because it really emulated what I think it's like to be in Wonderland."

The movie will inevitably be a career-changing project for Wasikowska who has quickly gone from an up-and-comer to an actress whose likeness is plastered on billboards and children's toys.

"It's almost like it's not me. Obviously it is, but even when I look at the poster I feel like I'm looking at someone else completely out of context." Sounds a little bit like going through the looking glass, doesn't it?

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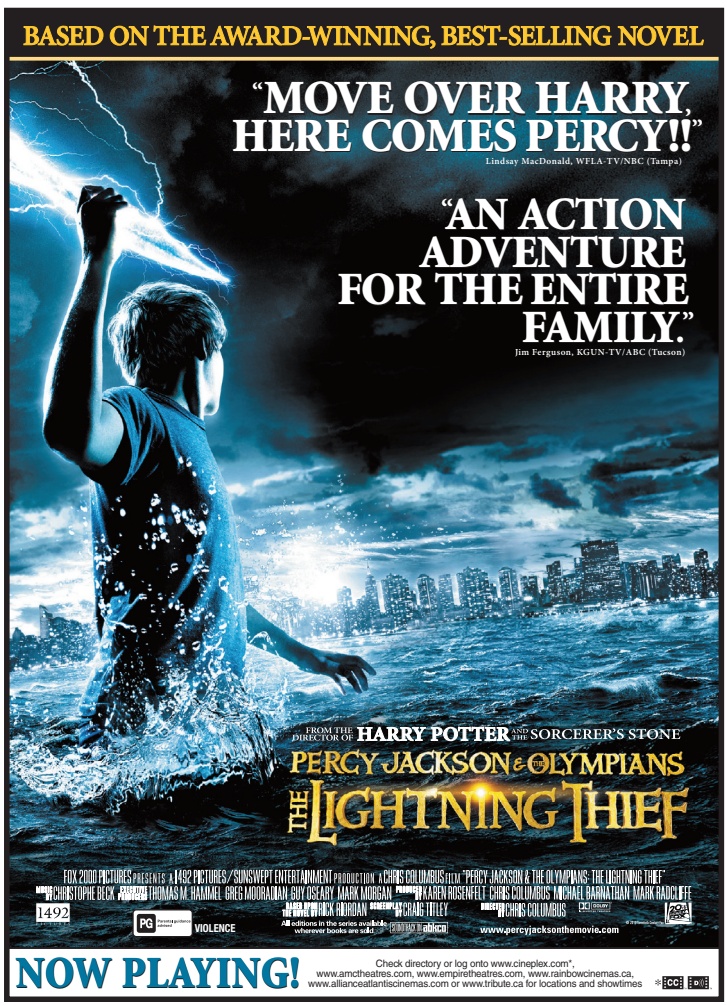

Tank no teenage wasteland

Fish **Tank**

Director: Andrea Arnold
Stars: Katie Jarvis, Michael Fassbender
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕½

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

REVIEW When The Who's Pete Townshend wrote the lyric "it's only teenage wasteland", he may have had the backdrop of Fish Tank in mind.

After all, set in a gritty poor housing project, the film's writer/director Andrea Arnold (Red Road) definitely captures the ugly look and struggle of a mixed-up youth in urban Britain.

Precisely portrayed by newcomer Katie Jarvis, Mia is a 15-year old who escapes from neighborhood bullies and her alcoholic mother by privately mastering hip-hop dance moves in an abandoned apartment.

However, when mom brings home a paternal but mysterious new boyfriend (Michael Fassbender of Inglourious Basterds), Mia begins to discover a young lust for life and the fatherly figure.

Told in the so-called style of "kitchen sink drama," Fish Tank takes its sweet time to illuminate its characters' relevance but its gritty realism is there from the start.

Katie Jarvis plays a troubled teen in Fish Tank.

While Arnold affirms a definite knack for tone, she flourishes her cast's stunning performances with symbolism — most notably in Mia's discovery of a horse chained in an abandoned lot.

Not exactly subtle but a sweet touch nonetheless.

Although the complications become ever so slightly conventional near its conclusion, this British drama still remains more compelling than any coming-of-age movie Hollywood studio would produce proving that Fish Tank is anything but teenage wasteland.

Avatar book 'epic'
Avatar director James Cameron say his planned book based on the box office hit will not be a novelization, but a "big, epic story that fills in a lot of things." IMDB.COM

A-class touch to B-movie

Shutter **Island**

Director: Martin Scorsese
Stars: Leonardo DiCaprio, Ben Kingsley, Mark Ruffalo
Classification: 14A
Rating:

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

For years, Martin Scorsese has admitted his desire to have worked in old Hollywood; when directors were hired hands who nimbly changed subjects and genres from film to film.

Shutter Island sees the director slipping into this mode, taking on a thriller with all the familiar trappings of the genre. While the movie does provide the requisite suspense and entertainment, Scorsese also adds his distinct touch to the project, making this B-movie veer dangerously close to becoming an A picture.

If he weren't such a talented personal filmmaker, this guy would be one hell of journeyman director.

Shutter Island stars Leonardo DiCaprio in his fourth consecutive collaboration with Scorsese.

Despite a wonky accent, it's one of DiCaprio's finest hours as an actor, even though multiple viewings are necessary to appreciate all the levels of his performance.

He plays a troubled detective assigned to finding a missing patient in a secluded mental institution. As is always the case in these movies, nothing is as it seems.

The initially helpful hospital staff lead by Ben Kingsley becomes increasingly suspicious as DiCaprio's recurring nightmares start manifesting themselves in the daytime. It all builds towards a big twist that is easy to predict, but one that carries a surprising emotional weight and context that's not quite so easy to see coming.

Leonardo DiCaprio, left, and Ben Kingsley star in Martin Scorsese's thriller Shutter Island.

Scorsese clearly had a ball slumming it with this genre outing. The movie is filled with loving references to films of the past and impeccably constructed cinematic set pieces.

It's a movie that demands multiple viewings as the first round will play like classy genre fun with a devastating kick in the pants, while the second viewing will feel more like a tragedy.

Whether or not audiences will devote that much time to what seems like little more than fleeting entertainment remains to be seen, but Scorsese is not filmmaker interested in cheap thrills.

Shutter Island is certainly not the director's best work, but it does prove that he is incapable of making a movie without the thought and care of a master.

• For a Shutter Island trailer, screen times and photos, visit metronews.ca/movies

Messenger director up for Cobain pic

Oren Moverman, Oscar-nominated writer-director of The Messenger, is staying in downbeat land for his next movie — he's in talks to write and direct Universal/Working Title's untitled Kurt Cobain biopic. EMPIREONLINE.COM

Kevin shoots for 'real' on Cop job

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Bruce Willis, left, and director Kevin Smith at work on the set of Cop Out.

He may have made nine movies to date, but filmmaker Kevin Smith considers his latest comedy to be his first "real" directing job.

"I'm not a filmmaker," insisted Smith. "I'm a guy who rips open his chest, pulls out fatty chunks of his heart, puts it on a platter, projects it and goes, 'You get it?'"

Not only has that vulnerability earned the New Jersey writer/director a dedicated following since his debut with Clerks but after the disappointing release of 2008's Zack and Miri Make a Porno, it nearly left him devastated.

Cop Out opens next Friday

"I thought I was dead," said Smith regarding the film's sluggish opening. "I thought that either internet (fans) or Canada would take a hit out on me for ruining Seth Rogen's career. Mercifully, by the end of the weekend we were able to get up to a $10 million opening but even that was anemic … I was like 'I give up.'"

In the aftermath, Smith retreated and took up an interest in hockey (he now loves the Edmonton Oilers) which he acknowledges led him "to salvation in some weird way."

Further bolstered by two sold-out speaking engagements in Toronto, Smith realized that he needed to step away from his own scripts and re-establish a new niche in Hollywood. Kismet or coincidence, he soon got the offer to direct Cop Out — a Bruce Willis/Tracy Morgan buddy comedy written by Robb and Mark Cullen.

"It's so weird to take such a long journey just to get to the middle," said Smith. "Like I wanted to do something which in one way or another could be defined as average. I was used to tearing my heart out, bleeding and putting it into art and this was not that. This was just let's make a movie. Wouldn't it be fun to make a movie?

As it turns out it was fun. And although Smith will soon return to directing his own script (a hockey movie no less!), the roller-coaster experience has left him feeling refreshed.

"I could see where some person could get lost in this," said Smith. "(With) making other people's movies, there's no chance for heartbreak. Whatever happens to Cop Out now, I know that I did the best job I possibly could."

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Renner's career taking off

The Hurt Locker star Jeremy Renner is on a career high. It seems he has plenty of options now, including a role alongside Ewan McGregor in The Raven, starring in Peter Berg's Battleship and another mystery project he's not ready to name yet. EMPIREONLINE.COM

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Whistleblower revealed in Most Dangerous Man

The Most Dangerous **Man in America**

Directors: Judith Ehrlich, Rick Goldsmith
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

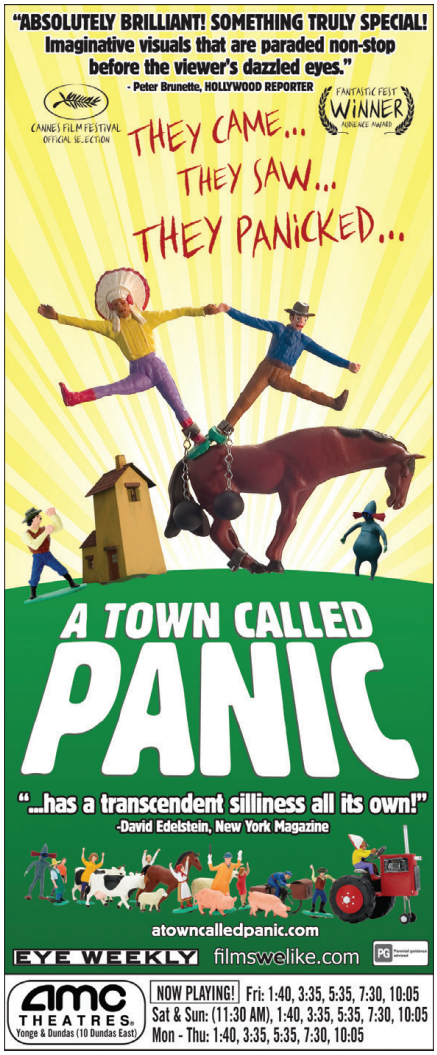
REVIEW The only problem the otherwise compelling documentary feature The Most Dangerous Man in America: Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers (opening for a limited engagement at The Bloor Cinema) has is that its subject, ex-Marine and Whitehouse whistleblower Daniel Ellsberg, doesn't command the hot button controversy he once did.

Ellsberg was the once notorious figure who, during the height of the Vietnam War, potentially damaged the American position by leaking classified information — known as The Pentagon Papers — to the press. He was viewed by many to be a traitor to his friends, his colleagues and his country.

But 40 years later, with Vietnam universally acknowledged to be a mishandled, tragic and glory-free fiasco, Ellsberg's actions cannot really be viewed as anything but impassioned and heroic.

Filmmakers Judith Ehrlich and Rick Goldsmith enlist Ellsberg as our guide and narrator of the picture, stringing his words and recollections together with stills, stock footage, new interviews and rare clips.

It's a fascinatingly intimate portrait of a man with a conscience and whose actions are less concerned with heroics than doing what he vehemently believed was right.



At war with grief

Messenger highlights a different side of conflict

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Oren Moverman is now a filmmaker to watch after securing a Best Original Screenplay Oscar nomination for his directorial debut The Messenger.

The story of two disgruntled army officers who personally inform the next of kin when soldiers are killed in combat may have arrived in some U.S. theatres quietly, but it clearly struck a cord with the Academy and should do the same with Canadian audiences when it is released next week.

The concept offers a unique approach to examining the impact of war without ever showing actual combat. Unsurprisingly, that's exactly what drew Moverman to the material.

"The idea came up in a casual conversation with my co-writer Alessandro Camon," Moverman told Metro. "We talked about the war and about how the United States had never really gotten to see the families of the soldiers who had died. At the time it was even illegal to show military funerals on television.

"So he suggested, 'If we made a film about casualty notification officers, that would be an interesting way to enter the military world from a very dramatic and recognizable place.' As soon as he said it a light bulb went off in my head and I knew we had to write it."

The idea may have come quickly, but Moverman admitted that it took four years to secure financing and bring the script to the screen.

Woody Harrelson. left, and Ben Foster star in the Oscar–nominated The Messenger.

It's been a long road to becoming a filmmaker for Moverman, who was a paratrooper in the Israeli army before coming to America and becoming a screenwriter.

The Messenger opens next week

He wrote the scripts for such diverse projects as the underrated Jesus' Son and Todd Haynes' Bob Dylan bio I'm Not There before writing The Messenger. Oddly, he never saw himself as the director while working on the script.

"I have always wanted to direct, but I didn't choose this film, the film chose me in a way," revealed Moverman.

"We had Sydney Pollack, Roger Michel, and Ben Affleck come in at different times to try to direct the movie, but it didn't really work out with them. I was almost about to direct another movie when all of a sudden, the producers asked me to take over this one."

Though it may not have been planned this way, The Messenger proved to be a stunning debut for Moverman. Thanks to a delicate use of humour, excellent casting (including an Oscar nominated performance from Woody Harrelson), and directorial restraint the film feels refreshingly honest. It was something the first time director was acutely aware of when he shot the movie.

"I was always concerned about that. It's risky material that you could do so wrong and manipulate or exploit in a way that would be God awful. I tried to bring a certain discipline to the material in terms of how far to push the emotional buttons."

Reel truth about First Nations on film

Reel **Injun**

Director: Neil Diamond
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●●

IAN GORMELY
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Few of North America's First Nations population have ever worn a headband, not that you'd ever know that from watching the hundreds of westerns churned out by Hollywood.

Decades of this kind of misrepresentation of America's First Nations people on movie screens lead to generations of misunderstanding and mistreatment. It's a phenomenon which Canadian filmmaker Neil Diamond explores in his new documentary, Reel Injun, a poignant and often humorous examination of the history of Native Americans on film.

Diamond begins with some of the first ever moving images which captured First Nations' traditional dances, then takes viewers through the early days of Hollywood where First Nations stories were given equal play as any other subject.

It wasn't until the Great Depression hit that First Nations' stereotypes — the noble savage standing in the way of white American expansion — begin to take hold before becoming deeply entrenched conventions of 1950s westerns. It wasn't until the 1990s, when First Nations filmmakers emerged, that Native American stories reemerged on the silver screen.

A scene from Reel Injun.

While a film focused solely on Hollywood would have been sufficient, it's the detours that Diamond takes that makes this such an enjoyable and enlightening movie.

The director's light-handed-and-hearted approach to the subject are the keys to Reel Injun's success.

Diamond, himself First Nations, never hides his own opinions on the matter, but he also never lets them take over. Instead he lets his outrage come out through his subjects.

Damon, Affleck together again

Thirteen years after Matt Damon and Ben Affleck burst onto the scene with Good Will Hunting, the duo is getting back together. According to reports, Affleck and Damon are talking to Warner Bros. to enter into a producing deal with the studio. EMPIREONLINE.COM

Defendor's got spunk

Defendor

Director: Peter Stebbings
Stars: Woody Harrelson, Kat Dennings
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕

RICHARD CROUSE
for Metro Canada

Woody Harrelson gets delusional in Defendor.

In Defendor, Woody Harrelson plays a man whose rich inner life spills out into his real life. By day he is dead-end-job-Arthur, but by night he is Defendor, a masked superhero do-gooder. His task? To clean up the streets of Hamilton, Ont. It sounds like the kind of thing we've seen before, but Canadian actor-turned-director Peter Stebbings puts a unique spin on Arthur's story.

His goal is to infiltrate the lair of Captain Industry, the crime king-pin Defendor believes to be responsible for all of Hammer Town's civic woes.

On his journey he befriends a drug addict with a heart of gold (Kat Dennings) and battles a corrupt cop (Elias Koteas).

On paper Woody Harrelson's role looks unpromising.

He's a disillusioned man with mental health issues who sinks into a fantasy world to help deal with the pain of a troubled past.

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We've seen this before, but Harrelson's mix of sincerity and pathos in the reading of the character breathes life into a role that could easily have fallen into cliché.

He's aided by a script — written by Stebbings — which gives him room to firmly establish the character, both as a superhero who believes guns are for cowards and as a real person who is tormented by his mother's descent into a world of prostitution and drug abuse.

It's a solid performance that provides an anchor for the entire movie.

Gritty and very funny, Defendor is a hard movie to categorize. It's not exactly a comedy, nor is it a crime drama.

It's somewhere in between. I'm not sure if that indefinable quality will make this a harder sell at the box office or not — people like to pigeonhole their movies — but for those willing to be go along for the ride, the movie is an enjoyably genre busting good time.

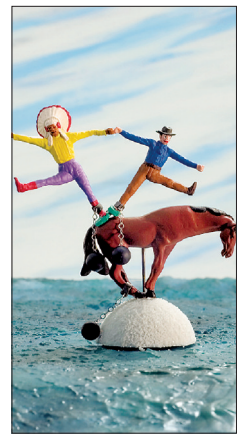
Like its main character Defendor is a bit delusional — it's a low budget superhero flick going up against the Spidermans and Iron Men of the world — but like its main character I like its spunk.

Panic shines in details

A Town Called Panic

Directors: Stéphane Aubier, Vincent Patar
Stars: (Voices of) Bruce Ellison, Vincent Patar
Classification: G
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕½

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada



A Town Called Panic tracks the exploits of animated toys.

REVIEW What do you get a horse for his birthday?

This simple question ignites the fuse of A Town Called Panic, a frantic stop-motion animation film from Belgium tracking the fantastic exploits of tiny plastic toys.

When nervous, rifle-wielding Cowboy and his slightly less tense cohort Indian (complete with stereotypical feather headdress, bow and arrow) accidentally order 50 million bricks to build a barbecue for housemate Horse (a masterful, web surfing, coffee-drinking horse, of course), there's panic on the streets of Panic as the duo's mistake topples their home.

Rebuilding efforts amount to nothing as their progress is pilfered each night, leading Cowboy, Indian and Horse successively back to brick one, and eventually to seek retribution. The trio's journey launches them to the centre of the earth and a snowy wilderness before discovering their abode has been stolen by dodgy sea-like creatures living in a parallel aquatic universe through the neighbour's pond.

Its premise alone taps Panic as a haphazard tale, sentiment made glaringly obvious by the film's intentionally jerky animation, quick dialogue and bursts of adult-appropriate gags throughout. However, its unconventional charm lies not in the big picture, but the details creators Stéphane Aubier and Vincent Patar developed on the television series of the same title on which the film is based.

Soundtrack is slick and apropos

Soundtrack For A Revolution

Director: Bill Gutentag and Dan Brunt.
Stars: John Legend and the Roots
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

Soundtrack For A Revolution explores the relationship between African-American music, the American civil rights movement and Black history.

REVIEW Shortlisted — but not nominated — for a 2010 Academy Award, Bill Gutentag and Dan Brunt's Soundtrack For A Revolution is a slickly produced talking-head documentary with a twist. its survey of the American civil rights movement is punctuated with performance segments in which contemporary musicians — including John Legend and the Roots — perform songs associated with the period.

The directors' purposes are twofold: To foreground the deep-seeded relationship between African-American music and nation-wide social struggle, and to make their history lesson more appealing and accessible to contemporary youth audiences. In its best moments, Soundtrack for a Revolution illuminates the relationship between cultural and political practice, as in an interview with the Rev. Harold Middlebrook, a former student leader, who explains the genesis of protest standard We Shall Overcome in church sing-alongs.

There's also a lovely segment with Candie and Guy Carawan, a pair of white activists who taught various folk songs to groups in Birmingham; they smile as they remember altering the lyrics of I'm Going to Sit at the Welcome Table to reflect the circumstances of the lunch-counter sit-ins.

Not all of the film's connections run so deep, however. While the contemporary performances are all fairly accomplished, there's an odd sort of detachment that comes from watching Joss Stone vamp her way through Eyes on the Prize beneath mugshots of arrested protesters. And while the interviewees' personal accounts of the march on Washington and the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. are rarely less than moving, there's something slightly prepackaged about the emotions, culminating in a final image that's at once perfectly apropos and deeply calculated.

Screen Times

This week's new releases are highlighted in pink.

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DOWNTOWN

BLOOR THEATRE
506 Bloor St., 416-516-2330

An Education (PG) Wed 9 Thu 4:30
It's Complicated (14A) Fri-Sat 4:15 Sun 8:30 Mon 9
The Lair of the White Worm (STC) Thu 9
M. Hulot's Holiday (STC) Tue 4:30 Wed 7
The Most Dangerous Man in America: Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers (STC) Fri-Sat 9 Sun 6:30 Mon-Tue 7 Wed 4:30 Thu 7
Soundtrack for a Revolution (STC) Fri-Sat 7 Sun 4 Mon 4:30 Tue 9
Where the Wild Things Are (PG) Sat-Sun 2

CARLTON
20 Carlton St., 416-598-2309

CUMBERLAND CINEMAS
159 Cumberland Ave., 416-646-0444

Fish Tank (18A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:20
The Last Station (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4-6:45-9:30
A Single Man (PG) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:30-7-9:45
The White Ribbon (14A) Fri-Thu 2:30-6:30-10:10

SCOTIABANK THEATRE
259 Richmond St., 416-368-5600

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:15-4:20-6:15-8-10
Avatar: An IMAX 3D Experience (STC) Fri-Sun 11:45-3:20-7:10-10:30 Mon 11:45-3:20-10:30 Tue-Thu 11:45-3:20-7:10-10:30
The Book of Eli (14A) Fri-Sat 12:20-3:40-7:10-10:20 Sun 12:20-3:40-10:20 Mon-Tue 12:20-3:40-7:10-10:20 Wed 12:20-3:40-10:20 Thu 12:20-3:40-7:10-10:20
CTV Olympic Games Broadcast (STC) Fri-Sun 1 Mon-Thu 3
Daybreakers (18A) Fri-Sat 1:20-4:30-7:40-10:45 Sun 1:20-4:30-7:40-10:25 Mon 1:20-7:50-10:25 Tue 1:20-4:30-7:40-10:25 Wed 4:50-7:40-10:25 Thu 1:20-4:30-7:40-10:25
Dear John (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:45-6:45-9:30
Shutter Island (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:40-4:7:30-11 No Passes Sun-Thu 12:40-4:7:30-10:40 No Passes Fri-Wed 11:50-3:10-6:40-10:10 No Passes Thu 11:50-3:10-10:10
Up in the Air (14A) Fri-Wed 12-3-6:20-9:20 Thu 12-3-6:20
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:10-3:30-6:30-9:40 No Passes Sun 12:10-3:15-6:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 12:10-3:30-6:30-9:40 No Passes Fri-Sun 1-4:10-7:20-10:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 1-4:10-7:20-10:30
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:50-1:50-3:50-4:40-6:50-7:50-9:50-10:35

MARKET SQUARE
80 Front St., 416-494-9371

Dear John (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:50-6:45-9:15
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Tue 1-3:40-6:40-9 Wed 1-3:40-6 Thu 1-3:40-6:40-9
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Sat 12:45-3:30-6:30-9:20-11:50 Sun-Thu 12:45-3:30-6:30-9:20
Up in the Air (14A) Fri-Sat 1:30-4:10-7:9:10-11:30 Sun-Thu 1:30-4:10-7:9:10
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Sat 1:10-4-6:50-9:30-12 Sun-Thu 1:10-4-6:50-9:30
The Wolfman (18A) Fri-Sat 1:20-4:20-7:10-9:35-11:40 Sun-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:10-9:35

REVUE CINEMA
400 Roncesvalles Ave., 416-531-9959

Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Sat-Sun 2 Mon 1
Food, Inc. (PG) Wed 9:30 Thu 7
The Hurt Locker (14A) Sat 9:30 Wed 7 Thu 9
Leap Year (PG) Fri 7 Sat 4 Sun 7 Mon 9:20 Tue 7
The Lovely Bones (PG) Fri 9:10 Sat 6:45 Sun 9:10 Mon 6:45 Tue 9:10
Private Screening (STC) Sun 4

THE ROYAL
608 College St., 416-466-4400

Broken Embraces (14A) Fri-Sat 7 Sun 4:30-9 Mon-Tue 9 Wed 7
The Room (STC) Fri 11:30
Until the Light Takes Us (STC) Fri-Sat 9:30 Sun-Tue 7 Wed 9:30 Thu 7-9:30

VARSITY
55 Bloor St. W., 416-961-6304

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 2-6:10-9:40
Celine: Through the Eyes of the World (STC) Sat-Sun 1
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:50-6:40-9:50
Dear John (PG) Fri-Tue 1:20-4:10-6:55-9:30 Wed 1:20-6:55-9:30 Thu 1:20-4:10-6:55-9:30
I Killed My Mother (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4:20-7:10-10:05
Sherlock Holmes (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:05-7:05-9:55
Shutter Island (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-3:40-6:50-10:10 No Passes Fri-Wed 12:35-3:35-6:35-9:45 No Passes Thu 12:35-3:35-9:45
Up in the Air (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:10-6:20-9 Fri-Mon 1:05-3:45-6:45-9:25 Tue 6:45-9:25 Wed-Thu 1:05-3:45-6:45-9:25
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-4-7:10 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:25-3:15-6:15-9:05
The Young Victoria (PG) Fri 12:40-3:30-6:30-9:10 Sat-Sun 6:30-9:10 Mon 12:40-3:30 Tue 12:40-9:10 Wed 9:10 Thu 12:40

The Wolfman opened last week.

CANADA SQUARE
2200 Yonge St., 416-646-0444

The Blind Side (PG) Fri 4:10-6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:10-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:50-9:40
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri 4:15-7:9:35 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:15-7:9:35 Mon-Thu 4:15-7-9:35
An Education (PG) Fri 4:20-6:40-9:15 Sat-Sun 2-4:20-6:40-9:15 Mon-Thu 4:20-6:40-9:15
Frozen (STC) Fri 4:10-6:30-9 Sat-Sun 1:55-4:10-6:30-9 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:30-9
Invictus (PG) Fri 4-6:55-9:50 Sat-Sun 1-4-6:55-9:50 Mon-Thu 4-6:55-9:50
It's Complicated (14A) Fri 4:05-7:05-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:05-7:05-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:05-9:45
Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire (14A) Fri 4:35-7:10-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:35-7:10-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:10-9:45
Sherlock Holmes (PG) Fri-Thu 9:10
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri 4:25-6:45 Sat-Sun 1:45-4:25-6:45 Mon-Thu 4:25-6:45

MT. PLEASANT THEATRE
675 Mt.Pleasant Rd., 416-489-8484

Broken Embraces (14A) Fri-Sat 6:50 Sun 4:15 Thu 7
No Films Showing Today (STC) Mon
The Young Victoria (PG) Fri 9:25 Sat 4:10-9:30 Sun 7 Tue-Wed 7

REGENT THEATRE
551 Mt.Pleasant Rd., 416-480-9884

Coco avant Chanel (PG) Fri-Sat 7 Sun 4:30 Tue 7
The Hurt Locker (14A) Fri-Sat 9:25 Sun 7 Tue-Wed 9:15 Thu 7
No Films Showing Today (STC) Mon

YONGE-EGLINTON CENTRE
2300 Yonge St., 416-544-1236

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 2:15-6:30-10:15
Celine: Through the Eyes of the World (STC) Sat-Sun 1 Mon-Thu 1:15
Dear John (PG) Fri 1:15-4:7:10-9:50 Sat-Sun 4-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:45-9:15
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:10 Mon-Tue 2-5-7:30-10:15 Wed 5-7:30-10:15 Thu 2-5-7:30-10:15
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:45 No Passes Mon-Tue 12:50-3:50-6:40-9:30 No Passes Wed 3:50-6:40-9:30 No Passes Thu 12:50-3:50-6:40-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Shutter Island (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:15-3:40-7:10:30 No Passes Mon-Tue 12:30-3:40-6:50-10 No Passes Wed 12:30 No Passes Thu 12:30-3:40-6:50-10 No Passes Wed 3:40-6:50-10
Up in the Air (14A) Fri-Sat 1-4:10-6:45-9:30 Sun 1-4:10-10:20 Mon-Tue 12:40-3:30-6:20-9 Wed 3:30-6:20-9 Thu 12:40-3:30-6:20-9 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:40-10 No Passes Mon-Tue 1-4-7-9:50 No Passes Wed 12:45-4-7-9:50 No Passes Thu 1-4-7-9:50
When in Rome (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:20-6:20-9 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:45-7:20-9:45
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri-Sat 2-5-7:40-10:20 No Passes Sun 2-5-7:40-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:10-9:40

YONGE & DUNDAS 24
10 Dundas St East, 416-977-2642

The Blind Side (PG) Fri 1:45-4:40-7:25-10:10 Sat-Sun 10:55-1:45-4:40-7:25-10:10 Mon-Thu 1:45-4:40-7:25-10:10
Celine: Through the Eyes of the World (STC) Special Engagement Sat-Sun 2 Special Engagement Mon 7:30 Special Engagement Thu 7:30
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri 2:40-5:25-8:05-10:40 Sat-Sun 11:50-2:40-5:25-8:05-10:40 Mon-Thu 2:40-5:25-8:05-10:40
Defendor (14A) Special Engagement Fri 2:15-5:05-7:40-10:10 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:10-2:15-5:05-7:40-10:10 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:15-5:05-7:40-10:10
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri 2:15-5:7:45-10:30 Sat-Sun 11:30-2:15-5:7:45-10:30 Mon-Thu 2:15-5:7:45-10:30
An Education (PG) Fri 2:25-4:50-7:15-9:35 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 12-2:25-4:50-7:15-9:35 Mon-Thu 2:25-4:50-7:15-9:35
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Fri 1:35-3:40-5:50-7:55-10:10 Sat-Sun 11:20-1:35-3:40-5:50-7:55-10:10 Mon-Thu 1:35-3:40-5:50-7:55-10:10
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri 1:20-2:20-3:40-5:20-6-7:20-7:50-8:30-10:20-10:50 Sat-Sun 11:05-12:45-1:20-2:20-3:3:40-5:20-6-7:20-7:50-8:30-10:20 Mon-Thu 2:20-3:3:40-5:20-6-7:20-7:50-8:30-10:20
The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus (PG) Fri 1:30-4:15-7:05-9:55 Sat-Sun 10:45-1:30-4:15-7:05-9:55 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:05-9:55
It's Complicated (14A) Fri 1:25-4:05-7:10-9:55 Sat-Sun 10:40-1:25-4:05-7:10-9:55 Mon 1:25-4:05-7:10-9:55 Tue 1:25 Wed 1:25-4:05 Thu 1:25
Legion (14A) Fri 4:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 11:45-4:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:50-9:40
The Lovely Bones (PG) Fri 3:45-6:50-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:50-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:50-9:45
My Name Is Khan (PG) Special Engagement Fri 1:50-2:50-5:15-6:15-8:40-9:40 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:25-1:50-2:50-5:15-6:15-8:40-9:40 Mon-Thu 1:50-2:50-5:15-6:15-8:40-9:40
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Special Engagement Fri 1:30-3:30-4:20-6:30-7:20-9:30-10:10 Special Engagement Sat 11:30-2:30-5:20-8:10-10:50 Special Engagement Sun 11:30-2:30-5:20-8:10-10:45 Mon-Tue 3:30-4:20-6:30-7:20-9:30-10:10 Wed 3:30-4:20-7:20-10:10 Thu 3:30-4:20-6:30-7:20-9:30-10:10 Special Engagement Fri 2:30-5:20-8:10-10:50 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 10:40-12:30-1:30-3:30-4:20-6:30-7:20-9:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:30-5:20-8:10-10:45
Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire (14A) Fri 2:35-5:30-8:10:30 Sat-Sun 11:5-30-8:10:30 Mon 2-4:30-10:30 Tue-Wed 2-4:30-7:30-10:30 Thu 2-4:30-10:30
Reel Injun (STC) Fri 2-4:10-6:45-9 Sat-Sun 11:15-2-4:10-6:45-9 Mon-Thu 2-4:10-6:45-9
Sherlock Holmes (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:10-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10
A Single Man (PG) Fri 1:55-4:35-7:35-10:05 Sat-Sun 11:25-1:55-4:35-7:35-10:05 Mon-Thu 1:55-4:35-7:35-10:05
A Town Called Panic (PG) Fri 1:40-3:35-5:35-7:30-10:05 Sat-Sun 11:30-1:40-3:35-5:35-7:30-10:05 Mon-Thu 1:40-3:35-5:35-7:30-10:05
When in Rome (PG) Fri 3:05-5:35-7:50-10:15 Sat-Sun 10:40-12:50-3:05-5:35-7:50-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:05-5:35-7:50-10:15
Youth in Revolt (14A) Fri 3:35-5:55-8:25-10:45 Sat-Sun 11-1:10-3:35-5:55-8:25-10:45 Mon-Thu 3:35-5:55-8:25-10:45

WEST END

ALBION CINEMAS
1530 Albion Rd., 416-742-3456

My Name Is Khan (PG) Fri 2:45-4-6-7:15-9:30-10:30 Sat-Sun 12:45-2:45-4-6-7:15-9:30-10:30 Mon-Thu 3-4:15-6:15-8:15-9:30

QUEENSWAY
1025 The Queensway, 416-503-0424

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Fri-Thu 12:40
Avatar 3D (STC) Fri 12:30-2:15-4:15-6:30-8-10:15 Sat-Sun 12:30-4:15-6:30-8-10:15 Mon-Tue 12:30-2:15-4:15-6:30-8-10:15 Wed-Thu 12:30-4:15-8-10:15
The Book of Eli (14A) Fri-Thu 10:20
Celine: Through the Eyes of the World (STC) Sat-Sun 1
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri-Tue 1:3:50-6:55-9:45 Wed 3:50-6:55-9:45 Thu 1:3:50-6:55-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
CTV Olympic Games Broadcast (STC) Fri-Sun 1 Mon-Thu 3
Dear John (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:25-7:15-10:05
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:50-7:45-10:40
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:10-7:10-9:50
It's Complicated (14A) Fri-Thu 9:30
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-3:55-7:05-10:25
Sherlock Holmes (PG) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:40-7
Shutter Island (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-12:45-3:30-4-6:45-7:20-10:10:45
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:35-6:25
Up in the Air (14A) Fri-Thu 3:10-6:20-9:20
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 1:10-4:20-7:30-10:35 No Passes Wed 4:20-7:30:35 No Passes Thu 1:10-4:20-7:30-10:35 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-3:25-6:35-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
When in Rome (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:25-10
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:15-1:55-4:05-4:55-6:50-7:50-9:40-10:30

WOODBINE CENTRE
500 Rexdale Blvd., 416-213-1998

Dear John (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-4-6:55-9:45
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Thu 7:15-9:40
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:50-6:40-9:25
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:40-9:35
The Spy Next Door (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-2:50-5
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:05-7-9:20
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Thu 1:3:55-6:50-9:30
The Wolfman (18A) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:45-7:20-9:35

EAST END

BEACH CINEMAS
1651 Queen St. E., 416-699-5971

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri 6:30-10:10 Sat-Sun 2-6:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 6:30-10:10
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri 3:30-6:40-9:45 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:40-9:45
Shutter Island (14A) No Passes Fri 3:45-7:15-10:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:40-3:45-7:15-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:15-10:20
Up in the Air (14A) Fri 4:10-6:50-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:10-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:50-9:30
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri 4-7:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 1-4-7:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 7-10
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri 4:20-7:30-10:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:30-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:30-10:30

FOX THEATRE
2236 Queen St. E., 416-691-7330

Broken Embraces (14A) Fri-Sat 9 Sun 4-9 Mon 9 Tue 7
The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus (PG) Wed 7 Thu 9
Leap Year (PG) Wed 9:15 Thu 7
The Princess and the Frog (G) Sat-Sun 2
The Young Victoria (PG) Fri 7 Sat 4-7 Sun-Mon 7 Tue 9:15 Wed 1:30

NORTH YORK

SHEPPARD GRANDE
4861 Yonge St., 416-590-9974

The Blind Side (PG) Fri 3:30-6:30-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:30-6:30-9:35 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:35
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri 4-7-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:10-4-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:50
CTV Olympic Games Broadcast (STC) Fri-Sun 1 Mon-Thu 3
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri 3:55-6:45-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:05-3:55-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:45-9:30
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri 4:40-7:10-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:40-7:10-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:10-9:55
Heiran (PG) Fri 4:10-6:50-9:20 Sat-Sun 1-4:10-6:50-9:20 Mon-Thu 4:10-6:50-9:20
My Name Is Khan (PG) Fri 5-8:45 Sat-Sun 12:40-5-8:45 Mon-Thu 5-8:45
Up in the Air (14A) Fri 3:50-6:35-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:50-6:35-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:35-9:45
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri 3:40-4:20-6:40-7:05-9:40-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:50-1:30-3:40-4:20-6:40-7:05-9:40-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:40-4:20-6:40-7:05-9:40-10

EMPRESS WALK
5095 Yonge St., 416-223-9550

Avatar 3D (STC) Stadium Seating Fri 1:10-3:30-4:50-7:30-10:30 Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:10-4:50-7:30-10:30 Stadium Seating Mon 3:30-4:50-8:30-10:30 Stadium Seating Tue-Wed 3:30-4:50-7-8:30-10:30 Stadium Seating Thu 3:30-4:50-8:30-10:30
Celine: Through the Eyes of the World (STC) Stadium Seating, No Passes Sat-Sun 2 Stadium Seating, No Passes Mon 7:30 Stadium Seating, No Passes Thu 7:30
Dear John (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:40-4:10-6:40-9:30 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:10-6:40-9:30
It's Complicated (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 1:50-4:30-7:30-10:10 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30-10:10
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-10 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 4:20-7:20-10
Shutter Island (14A) Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Sat 1-1:30-4-4:40-7:10-8:10:20-11:15 Stadium Seating, No Passes Sun 1-1:30-4-4:40-7:10-8:10:20 Stadium Seating, No Passes Mon-Thu 4-4:40-7:10-8-10:20
Valentine's Day (PG) Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri-Sat 1:05-2-3:50-5:10-6:50-8:15-9:40-11 Stadium Seating, No Passes Sun 1:05-2-3:50-5:10-6:50-8:15-9:40 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 3:50-5:10-6:50-8:15-9:40
When in Rome (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Sun 2:10-5:20-7:40-9:50 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 5:20-7:40-9:50

SILVERCITY YORKDALE 6
3401 Dufferin St., 416-444-3456

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 2:15-6:30-10:15
Celine: Through the Eyes of the World (STC) Sat-Sun 1
Dear John (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:25
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-5-7:40-10:20
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:40-6:45-9:50
Shutter Island (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:40-4-7:20-10:40 No Passes Sun-Thu 12:40-4-7:20-10:30 No Passes Fri 12-3:20-6:40-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 3:40-6:40-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 12:15-3:20-6:40-10
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:10-6:15-9:15
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-3:30-6:50-10:10
When in Rome (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4:20-7-9:40
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30

SILVERCITY FAIRVIEW
1800 Sheppard Ave. E., 416-644-7746

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 2:15-6:30-10:15
Celine: Through the Eyes of the World (STC) Sat-Sun 1
Dear John (PG) Fri 12:10-3:6:40 Sat-Sun 12:10-3:50-6:40-9:45 Mon 12:55-3:20-6:40-9:45 Tue 12:10-3-6:40-9:45 Wed-Thu 12:55-3:20-6:40-9:45
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri 1:30-7:20 Sat-Sun 7:20 Mon-Thu 1:30-7:20
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Thu 4:20-10:10
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri 12:30-4-6:50 No Passes Sat 12:30-4-6:50-10 No Passes Sun 12:30-4-6:50-9:55 No Passes Mon 12:50-4-6:50-9:55 No Passes Tue 12:30-4-6:50-10 No Passes Wed-Thu 12:50-4-6:50-9:55
Shutter Island (14A) No Passes Fri 12-3:15-7 No Passes Sat 12-3:15-7:10:30 No Passes Sun 12-3:15-7:10:15 No Passes Mon 12:30-3:40-7:10:15 No Passes Tue 12-3:15-7:10:30 No Passes Wed-Thu 12:30-3:40-7:10:15
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Thu 1-3:45-6:20-9:15
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:20-3:30-7:10-10:20 No Passes Sun 12:20-3:30-7:10-10 No Passes Mon 12:40-3:30-7:10-10 No Passes Tue 12:20-3:30-7:10-10:20 No Passes Wed-Thu 12:40-3:30-7:10-10
When in Rome (PG) Fri-Sat 1:15-4:30-6:45 Sun 1:15-4:30-6:45-9:30 Mon 1:20-4:30-6:45-9:30 Tue 1:15-4:30-6:45-9:30 Wed-Thu 1:20-4:30-6:45-9:30
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:45-4:10-7:30-10:40 No Passes Sun 12:45-4:10-7:30-10:05 No Passes Mon 1:10-4:10-7:30-10:05 No Passes Tue 12:45-4:10-7:30-10:40 No Passes Wed-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:30-10:05

SCARBOROUGH

COLISEUM SCARBOROUGH
300 Borough Dr., 416-290-5217

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:25-6:10
Asal (14A) Fri-Thu 2:15-6:15-9:40
The Book of Eli (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20
CTV Olympic Games Broadcast (STC) Fri-Sun 1 Mon-Thu 3
Dear John (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:55-6:55-9:55
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:25
Legion (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50
The Lovely Bones (PG) Fri-Thu 9:05
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:35-9:35
When in Rome (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-7-10

EGLINTON TOWN CENTRE
1901 Eglinton Ave. E., 416-752-4494

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri 12:30-2:15-4:15-6:30-8-10:15 Sat-Sun 12:30-4:15-6:30-8-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:30-8-10:15

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Percy Jackson and The Olympians: The Lightning Thief, with Uma Thurman, opened last week.

Celine: Through the Eyes of the World (STC) Sat-Sun 1
Dear John (PG) Fri-Sun 2-5-7:40-10:35 Mon-Thu 5-7:40-10:35 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:55-7:15-10:25 Mon-Thu 3:55-7:15-10:25
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Sun 1:50-4:40-7:05-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:05-9:45
It's Complicated (14A) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:40-6:45-9:55 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:45-9:55
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:20-4:10-7:10-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10-10:10
Shutter Island (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12-12:40-3:20-4-6:40-7:20-10-10:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 4-6:40-7:20-10-10:40
Theeradha Vilaiyattu Pillai (14A) Fri-Sun 1-4:50-9 Mon-Thu 4:50-9
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Sun 1:15-3:50-6:55-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:55-9:30
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:10-1:10-3:25-4:25-6:50-7:30-9:50-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:25-6:50-7:30-9:50-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
When in Rome (PG) Fri-Sat 1:30-4:05-7:9:40 Sun 1:30-4:05
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:45-1:40-3:30-4:30-6:25-7:25-9:20-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-4:30-6:25-7:25-9:20-10:20
WWE Elimination Chamber - 2010 (STC) Sun 8

401 & MORNINGSIDE
785 Milner Ave., 416-281-2226

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 1:30-6:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 5-8:40
The Book of Eli (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:15-7:50 Mon-Thu 4:15-7:10
Dear John (PG) Fri-Sun 1:3:30-6:20-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:20-6:20-8:50
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Sun 10:30 Mon-Thu 9:50
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Sun 12:20-4-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 4-6:50-9:10
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-3:50-6:50-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:45-6:30-9:20
Shutter Island (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:10-2-3:20-6:30-7:15-10:10:25 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-6-7-9-10
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:10-6-9 Mon-Thu 3:15-6:10-8:30
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:50-1:10-3:40-4:45-6:40-7:40-9:30-10:20 No Passes Mon 3:40-4:45-6:40-7:30-9:30-10:05 No Passes Tue 3:40-4:45-6:40-7:30-9:45-10:05 No Passes Wed-Thu 3:40-4:45-6:40-7:30-9:30-10:05
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:45-4:30-7:30-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:30-7:20-9:40

KENNEDY COMMONS 20
33 William Kitchen Rd., 416-335-5323

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri 2:45-4:45-6:15-8:15-9:45 Sat-Sun 11-2:45-4:45-6:15-8:15-9:45 Mon 2:45-4-6:15-9:45 Tue-Wed 2:45-4:45-6:15-8:15-9:45 Thu 2:45-4-6:15-9:45
The Blind Side (PG) Fri 4:25-7:20-10:10 Sat-Sun 1:35-4:25-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:20-10:10
Celine: Through the Eyes of the World (STC) Special Engagement Sat-Sun 2 Special Engagement Mon 7:30 Special Engagement Thu 7:30
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri 2:15-4:50-7:40-10:15 Sat-Sun 11:35-2:15-4:50-7:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 2:15-4:50-7:40-10:15
An Education (PG) Fri 2:10-4:40-7:25-9:55 Sat-Sun 11:40-2:10-4:40-7:25-9:55 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:40-7:25-9:55
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri 3:15-5:35-7:55-10:15 Sat-Sun 12:55-3:15-5:35-7:55-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:15-5:35-7:55-10:15
It's Complicated (14A) Fri 4:25-7:10-9:55 Sat-Sun 11-1:40-4:25-7:10-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:10-9:55
The Last Station (14A) Fri 2-4:35-7:10-9:45 Sat-Sun 11:25-2-4:35-7:10-9:45 Mon-Thu 2-4:35-7:10-9:45
Leap Year (PG) Fri-Thu 7:50-10:15
My Name Is Khan (PG) Special Engagement Fri 2:55-5:20-6:20-8:45-9:45 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:30-1:55-2:55-5:20-6:20-8:45-9:45 Mon-Thu 2:55-5:20-6:20-8:45-9:45
Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire (14A) Fri 2:30-5:7:30-10 Sat-Sun 12-2:30-5-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 2:30-5-7:30-10
Shutter Island (14A) Special Engagement Fri 3:15-4-6:15-7-9:15-10:05 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 12:15-1-3:15-4-6:15-7-9:15-10:05 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 3:15-4-6:15-7-9:15-10:05
The Spy Next Door (PG) Fri 3:10-5:30-7:45-10 Sat-Sun 11-1-3:10-5:30-7:45-10 Mon-Thu 3:10-5:30-7:45-10
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri 3:05-5:30 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:05-5:30 Mon-Thu 3:05-5:30
Up in the Air (14A) Fri 2:35-5-7:35-10:05 Sat-Sun 12-2:35-5-7:35-10:05 Mon-Thu 2:35-5-7:35-10:05
Valentine's Day (PG) Special Engagement Fri 2:15-3:10-4:15-5:15-6:10-7:15-8:15-9:15-10:10 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:15-12:15-1:15-2:15-3:10-4:15-5:15-6:10-7:15-8:15-9:15-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:15-3:10-4:15-5:15-6:10-7:15-8:15-9:15-10:10
The Young Victoria (PG) Fri 2:25-4:50-7:15-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:55-2:25-4:50-7:15-9:50 Mon-Thu 2:25-4:50-7:15-9:50

WOODSIDE CINEMAS
1571 Sandhurst Circle, 416-299-3456

My Name Is Khan (PG) Fri 2:45-4-6-7:15-9:30-10:30 Sat-Sun 12:45-2:45-4-6-7:15-9:30-10:30 Mon-Thu 3-4:15-6:15-8:15-9:30

PEEL REGION

CINÉ STARZ
377 Burnhamthorpe Rd. E., 905-290-2401

The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Mon 2:25-7:35-9:45 Tue-Thu 1-3:15-5:30-7:45
Extraordinary Measures (PG) Fri-Mon 7:30 Tue-Thu 1:10-5:25
Fantastic Mr. Fox (PG) Fri-Mon 12-1:30-3-4:30
The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus (PG) Fri-Mon 3:35 Tue-Thu 3:45
Invictus (PG) Fri-Mon 4:45 Tue-Thu 3:10-7
Nine (PG) Fri-Mon 1:30-9:30 Tue-Thu 1:30-7:30
Old Dogs (G) Fri-Mon 12-5:45 Tue-Thu 1:30-6
Planet 51 (PG) Fri-Mon 12-1:35-3:10-6 Tue-Thu 5:25
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Fri-Mon 12-4:35-7-9:30 Tue-Thu 3-7:15

COLISEUM 10
309 Rathburn Rd., 905-275-3456

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri 12:30-2:15-4:15-6:30-8-10:15 Sat 10:30-12:30-2:15-4:15-6:30-8-10:15 Sun-Thu 12:30-2:15-4:15-6:30-8-10:15
Avatar: An IMAX 3D Experience (STC) Fri 12-3:30-7-10:30 Sat 10-1:20-4:45-8-10-11:30 Sun-Thu 12-3:30-7-10:30
The Book of Eli (14A) Fri-Sat 3:15-9:30 Sun 3:15-10:30 Mon-Thu 3:15-9:30
CTV Olympic Games Broadcast (STC) Fri-Sun 1 Mon-Thu 3
Dear John (PG) Fri 1:20-4:30-7:15-10 Sat 10:10-1:20-4:30-7:15-10:20 Sun-Tue 1:20-4:30-7:15-10 Wed 4:30-7:15-10 Thu 1:20-4:30-7:15-10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-3:45-6:45-9:45
Shutter Island (14A) No Passes Fri 12:10-12:40-3:20-4-6:40-7:10-9:55-10:25 No Passes Sat 12:10-12:40-3:20-4-6:40-7:40-9:55-11:10 No Passes Sun-Thu 12:10-12:40-3:20-4-6:40-7:10-9:55-10:25
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri 12:05-1-3:40-4:10-6:50-7:20-9:50-10:30 No Passes Sat 10:25-12:05-1:40-3:40-4:50-6:50-8:05-9:50-11:15 No Passes Sun-Tue 12:05-1-3:40-4:10-6:50-7:20-9:50-10:30 No Passes Wed 1-3:50-4:10-6:50-7:20-9:50-10:30 No Passes Thu 12:05-1-3:40-4:10-6:50-7:20-9:50-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
When in Rome (PG) Fri 12:50-6:15 Sat 10:15-12:50-6:15 Sun 12:50 Mon-Thu 12:50-6:15
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-3:10-6:20-9:20 No Passes Fri 1:10-4:20-7:30-10:20 No Passes Sat 11-1:45-4:40-8-10:50 No Passes Sun-Thu 1:10-4:20-7:30-10:20

COURTNEY PARK 16
110 Courtney Park Dr., 905-362-1210

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri 3:15-7:10:40 Sat-Sun 11:30-3:15-7:10:40 Mon-Thu 3:15-7:10:40
The Book of Eli (14A) Fri 1:30-4:15-7:40-10:35 Sat-Sun 10:45-1:30-4:15-7:40-10:35 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:40-10:35
Dear John (PG) Fri 1:15-4:20-7:30-10:15 Sat-Sun 10:30-1:15-4:20-7:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 1:15-4:20-7:30-10:15
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri 1:30-4:15-7:20-10:10 Sat-Sun 10:40-1:30-4:15-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:20-10:10
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri 1:55-4:40-7:55-10:45 Sat-Sun 11:25-1:55-4:40-7:55-10:45 Mon-Thu 1:55-4:40-7:55-10:45
Legion (14A) Fri-Thu 9:30
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Special Engagement Fri 12:55-1:25-3:40-4:10-6:40-7:10-9:35-10:05 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 10:30-12:55-1:25-3:40-4:10-6:40-7:10-9:35-10:05 Mon-Thu 12:55-1:25-3:40-4:10-6:40-7:10-9:35-10:05
Shutter Island (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Thu 12:30-1:3:35-4:05-7:05-7:35-10:20-10:50
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri 1:10-3:45-6:45 Sat-Sun 10:35-1:10-3:45-6:45 Mon-Thu 1:10-3:45-6:45
Up in the Air (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:50-7:45-10:30
Valentine's Day (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 12:35-1:05-3:30-4-7:25-8-10:25-10:55 Mon-Thu 12:35-1:05-3:30-4-7:25-8-10:25-10:55
When in Rome (PG) Fri 1:40-4:30-7:50-10:10 Sat-Sun 11:20-1:40-4:30-7:50-10:10 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:50-10:10
The Wolfman (18A) Special Engagement Fri 1:20-1:50-3:55-4:25-7:15-8:15-10-11 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:10-1:20-1:50-3:55-4:25-7:15-8:15-10-11 Mon-Thu 1:20-1:50-3:55-4:25-7:15-8:15-10-11

ORION GATE GRANDE
20 Biscayne Cr., 905-455-1590

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri 6:30-10:15 Sat-Sun 2:15-6:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 4-9:15
Dear John (PG) Fri 3:40-6:20-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:40-6:20-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:35-9:10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri 3:25-6:45-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:15-3:05-6-9:10 Mon-Thu 4:15-7-9:55
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri 4:10-6:40-9:10 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-6:40-9 Mon-Thu 4:05-6:25-9
Legion (14A) Fri-Thu 9:30
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri 3:20-6:55-9:40 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:25-3:15-6:50-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:20-6:05-9:25
Shutter Island (14A) No Passes Fri 3:50-7:20-10:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:05-3:30-7:20-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-6:55-10
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri 3:30-6:10-9:50 Sat-Sun 12-2:40-6:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:20-9:45
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri 4-7:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 1-4-7:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:50-6:45-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
When in Rome (PG) Fri 4:25-7:10 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:25-7:10 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:10
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri 4:35-7:40-10:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:40-4:35-7:40-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:45-7:30-10:10

SILVERCITY BRAMPTON
50 Great Lakes, 905-789-6797

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri 4:15-6:30-8-10:15 Sat-Sun 12:30-2:15-4:15-6:30-8-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:10-8-10
CTV Olympic Games Broadcast (STC) Fri-Sun 1 Mon-Thu 3
Dear John (PG) Fri 3:40-6:45-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:35-3:40-6:45-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:30-9:25
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Sat 10:50 Sun 10:20 Mon-Thu 9:10
My Name Is Khan (PG) Fri 3:55-6:15-8:30-10:05 Sat-Sun 11:45-1:30-3:55-6:15-8:30-10:05 Mon-Thu 3:35-4:25-7:20-9
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The

Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri 3:30-7:05-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:20-3:30-7:05-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:40-6:40-9:50
Shutter Island (14A) No Passes Fri 4-7:30-11 No Passes Sat 12:45-4-7:30-11 No Passes Sun 12:45-4-7:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 5-8:30 No Passes Fri 3:25-7:10:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:05-3:25-7:10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:20-7:10:15
Sukhmani - Hope for Life (PG) Fri 3-6:25-9:55 Sat-Sun 11:50-3-6:25-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:45-8:45
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri 3:10-7:35 Sat-Sun 12:15-3:10-7:35 Mon-Thu 3:25-6:15
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri 3:15-4:10-6:35-7:20-9:45-10:35 No Passes Sat 12-12:50-3:15-4:10-6:35-7:20-9:45-10:35 No Passes Sun 12-12:50-3:15-4:10-6:35-7:20-9:45-10:25 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:10-4-6:25-7:10-9:40-10:10
When in Rome (PG) Fri 3:45-6:50-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:45-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:45-9:15
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri 4:30-4:50-7:15-7:45-10:20-10:45 No Passes Sat 1:20-1:40-4:30-4:50-7:15-7:45-10:20-10:45 No Passes Sun 1:20-1:40-4:30-4:50-7:15-7:45-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-4:35-6:55-7:30-9:30-10:05

SILVERCITY MISSISSAUGA
3055 Vega Blvd., 905-569-3373

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Fri-Sat 1:20-3:40-6:20 Sun 1:20-3:40 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:20
Celine: Through the Eyes of the World (STC) Sat 1:05 Sun 1
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:10-10
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:20-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:20-10:10
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Sat 1:50-4:40-7:50-10:20 Sun 1:50-4:40-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:50-10:15
Invictus (PG) Fri-Sat 9:10 Mon-Thu 9:10
It's Complicated (14A) Fri 1-4-6:50-9:50 Sat 4-6:50-9:50 Sun 1-4-6:50 Mon-Thu 4-6:50-9:50
The Spy Next Door (PG) Fri-Sun 2-4:50-7:40-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:40-10:05
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:10-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:10-7-9:40
Up in the Air (14A) Fri-Sat 12:40-3:20-6:40-9:20 Sun 3:30-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:20-6:40-9:20
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-1:30-3:30-4:30-6:30-7:30-9:30-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-4:30-6:30-7:30-9:30-10:20
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SQUARE ONE
100 City Centre Dr., 905-275-2640

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium

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Seating Fri-Thu 12:45-3-5:15-7:30
Celine: Through the Eyes of the World (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 2 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 7:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 7:30
Crazy Heart (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:15-4-7:10-10
Edge of Darkness (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-7:15-10:05
From Paris With Love (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:45-4:15-7:20-10:10
Frozen (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2:15-4:30-7:30-10:15
It's Complicated (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 9:50
My Name Is Khan (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2-5:45-9:15
The Spy Next Door (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 1:10-3:30-6:30-9 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 6:30-9 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 1:10-3:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue-Wed 1:10-3:30-6:30-9 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 1:10-3:30
Sukhmani - Hope for Life (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-5:30-9:30
Tooth Fairy (G) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1-3:45-6:45-9:40
Up in the Air (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:40-4:20-7-9:45

NORTH

5 DRIVE-IN
2331 Ninth Line, 905-257-8272

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AURORA CINEMAS
15460 Bayview Ave., 905-841-1789

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri 6:30-10:15 Sat-Sun 2:15-6:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:15-8
CTV Olympic Games Broadcast (STC) Fri-Sun 1 Mon-Thu 3
Dear John (PG) Fri 3:50-6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:50-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Thu 3:45-9:30
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri 4:20-7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:20-9:50
It's Complicated (14A) Fri 6:40 Sat-Sun 12:50-6:40 Mon-Thu 6:40
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri 3:30-6:45-9:45 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:45-9:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-6:45-9:45
Shutter Island (14A) No Passes Fri 4:7:10-10:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:40-4:7:10-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:7:10-10:10
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri 3:40-6:20-9 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:40-6:20-9 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:20-9
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri 4:10-7:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:4-10-7:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri 4:30-7:30-10:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:30-7:30-10:05

COLOSSUS 19
3555 Hwy 7 West, 905-851-1001

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri 11:30-12:30-3:10-4:15-6:50-8:10:30 Sat-Sun 11:30-3:10-4:15-6:50-8:10:30 Mon-Thu 3:15-4:15-6:50-8:10:30
Avatar: An IMAX 3D Experience (STC) Fri 11:20-3-6:30-10 Sat 10-1:20-4:45-8:10-11:30 Sun 11:20-3-6:30-10 Mon-Thu 3-6:30-10
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:45-6:40-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:45-9:50
The Book of Eli (14A) Fri-Sat 12-3:50-7:45-10:40 Sun 12-3:50-10:40 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:40-10:30
Celine: Through the Eyes of the World (STC) Sat-Sun 1
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:50-7:50-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:45-10:35
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri 12:40-1:20-3:40-4:20-6:40-7:25-9:40-10:20 No Passes Sat 10:20-12:40-1:20-3:40-4:20-6:40-7:25-9:40-10:20 No Passes Sun 12:40-1:20-3:40-4:20-6:40-7:25-9:40-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:40-4:20-6:40-7:20-9:40-10:20
Sherlock Holmes (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:40-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:25-10:30
Shutter Island (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:15-12:45-3:30-4:6:50-7:20-10:15-10:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:45-4:15-7:7:30-10:15-10:45
The Spy Next Door (PG) Fri-Sun 11:40-2-4:40-7:15 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:15
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Sat 12:20-3:15-6:30-9:15 Sun 12:20-3:15-6:30 Mon-Thu 3:15-6:30-9:15
Up in the Air (14A) Fri-Thu 9:45
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri 11:50-12:10-1-3:3:30-4:10-6:20-7:7:30-9:30-10:10:40 No Passes Sat 10:10-11:50-12:10-1-3-3:30-4:10-6:20-7:7:30-9:30-10:10:40 No Passes Sun 11:50-12:10-1-3-3:30-4:10-6:20-7:7:30-9:30-10:10:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 3-3:30-4:10-6:20-6:50-7:30-9:30-10:10:40
When in Rome (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:20-6:45-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:20-6:45-9:10
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:10-2-4-5-7:10-8-10:10-10:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 4-5-7:10-8-10:10-10:40
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ELGIN MILLS 10
10909 Yonge St., 905-770-6998

Avatar (STC) Fri 7:50 Sat-Sun 12:15-3:50-7:50 Mon-Thu 8
The Book of Eli (14A) Fri 6:20 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:15-6:20 Mon-Thu 6
Dear John (PG) Fri 7:20-10:05 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:40-7:20-10:05 Mon-Thu 6:20-8:55
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Sun 9:10 Mon-Thu 8:45
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri 7:40-10:15 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:20-7:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 6:30-8:50
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri 6:40-9:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:10
Shutter Island (14A) No Passes Fri 6:45-9:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:40-3:45-6:45-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 5:20-8:30
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri 6:50-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:15-6:50-9:55 Mon-Thu 6:10-8:20
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri 7:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 1-4-7:10 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:40
When in Rome (PG) Fri 7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 7-9:10
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri 7:30-10:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 6:40-9

FIRST MARKHAM PLACE
3275 Hwy 7 E., 905-474-5101

Avatar (STC) Fri-Sun 2:15-6:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 3-6:30-10
CTV Olympic Games Broadcast (STC) Fri-Sun 1 Mon-Thu 3
Dear John (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4-6:55-9:40 Mon-Thu 4-6:55-9:45
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Sun 9:20 Mon-Thu 9:15
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Sun 2:30-5-7:40-10:15 Mon-Thu 5-7:40-10:15
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:15-3:15-6:50-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:15-6:50-9:35
Shutter Island (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:30-3:45-7:10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:45-7:10:20
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:30-6:40 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:40
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:20-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:15-7:20-10:10
When in Rome (PG) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:30-7:10-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:10-9:25
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 2-4:45-7:30-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:45-7:30-9:55

INTERCHANGE 30
30 Interchange Way, 905-760-1911

2012 (14A) Fri 3-6:15-9:25 Sat-Sun 11:30-3-6:15-9:25 Mon-Thu 6:15-9:25
3 Idiots (PG) Fri 5:30-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:50-5:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 5:30-9:10
Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Fri 2:10-3:30-4:30-5:45-7:8-9:15-10 Sat-Sun 11:11:45-1:15-2:10-3:30-4:30-5:45-7:8-9:15-10 Mon-Thu 3:30-4:30-5:45-7:8-9:15-10
Celine: Through the Eyes of the World (STC) Special Engagement Thu 7:30
Couples Retreat (PG) Fri-Thu 7:10-9:50
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45 Sat-Sun 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:15-9:45
Dear John (PG) Fri 1:30-2-3:30-4-4:45-6:15-6:45-7:30-9-9:30-10:15 Sat-Sun 11-11:30-12:45-1:30-2-3:30-4-4:45-6:15-6:45-7:30-9-9:30-10:15 Mon-Thu 3:30-4-4:45-6:15-6:45-7:30-9-9:30-10:15
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri 2:25-5-7:35-10:10 Sat-Sun 11:40-2:25-5-7:35-10:10 Mon 5-10:10 Tue-Wed 5-7:35-10:10 Thu 5-10:10 Fri 1:25-4-6:45-9:30 Sat-Sun 10:50-1:25-4-6:45-9:30 Mon-Thu 4-6:45-9:30
An Education (PG) Fri 2:05-4:50-7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:20-2:05-4:50-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:50-7:20-9:50
Extraordinary Measures (PG) Fri 1:35-3:55-6:30-9 Sat-Sun 11:05-1:35-3:55-6:30-9 Mon-Wed 3:55-6:30-9 Thu 3:55-6:30
Frozen (STC) Fri 3:10-5:20-7:40-9:55 Sat-Sun 10:55-1-3:10-5:20-7:40-9:55 Mon-Thu 5:20-7:40-9:55
The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus (PG) Fri 1:40-4:20-7:05-9:40 Sat-Sun 11:05-1:40-4:20-7:05-9:40 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:05-9:40
Invictus (PG) Fri 4:05-7-9:55 Sat-Sun 1-4:05-7-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:05-7-9:55
It's Complicated (14A) Fri 1:55-3:15-4:50-6:20-7:35-9:15-10:15 Sat-Sun 11:15-12:30-1:55-3:15-4:50-6:20-7:35-9:15-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:50-6:20-7:35-9:15-10:15 Wed-Thu 3:45-7-9:45
Leap Year (PG) Fri 2:15-4:40-7:15-9:45 Sat-Sun 11:50-2:15-4:40-7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:15-9:45
Legion (14A) Fri 1:30-2:30-3:50-5-6:30-7:30-8:55-10 Sat-Sun 11:10-12:05-1:30-2:30-3:50-5-6:30-7:30-8:55-10 Mon-Wed 3:50-5-6:30-7:30-8:55-10 Thu 3:50-5-6:30-7:30-10
The Lovely Bones (PG) Fri 4:10-7:05-10 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-7:05-10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:05-10
My Name Is Khan (PG) Fri 2:30-6-9:30 Sat-Sun 11:2:30-6-9:30 Mon-Thu 6-9:30
Nine (PG) Fri 1:55-4:40-7:25-10:10 Sat-Sun 11:10-1:55-4:40-7:25-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:25-10:10
Planet 51 (PG) Fri 2:25-4:55 Sat-Sun 12:10-2:25-4:55 Mon-Thu 4:55
Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire (14A) Fri 1:25-3:55-6:25-9:05 Sat-Sun 10:50-1:25-3:55-6:25-9:05 Mon-Wed 3:55-6:25-9:05 Thu 3:55-6:25
The Princess and the Frog (G) Fri 1:45-4:15-6:40-9:10 Sat-Sun 11:15-1:45-4:15-6:40-9:10 Mon-Wed 4:15-6:40-9:10 Thu 4:15-6:40
Saint John of Las Vegas (STC) Fri 3:25-5:25-7:25-9:25 Sat-Sun 11:20-1:20-3:25-5:25-7:25-9:25 Mon-Tue 3:25-5:25-7:25-9:25
The Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG) Fri 3:50-6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:55-3:50-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:40
The Young Victoria (PG) Fri 2:50-5:10-7:40-10:05 Sat-Sun 12:10-2:50-5:10-7:40-10:05 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:40-10:05
Youth in Revolt (14A) Fri 3:10-5:25-7:45-10:05 Sat-Sun 10:55-1:05-3:10-5:25-7:45-10:05 Mon-Thu 5:25-7:45-10:05

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1 Promenade Circle, 416-494-9371

Dear John (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:9:20
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:6:40-9:15
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:45-6:45-9:35
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:40-6:30-8:50
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-6:50-9:25
The Wolfman (18A) Fri-Sun 1-3:30-4:30-7:10-9:30 Mon 4:30-7:10-9:30 Tue-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:10-9:30 Mon 1

SILVERCITY NEWMARKET
18151 Yonge St., 905-953-2792

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri 4:15-6:30-8:10:15 Sat-Sun 2:30-4:15-6:30-8:10:15 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:30-8-10:15
Celine: Through the Eyes of the World (STC) Sat-Sun 1
CTV Olympic Games Broadcast (STC) Fri-Sun 1 Mon-Thu 3
Dear John (PG) Fri 3:50-7:20-10 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:50-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:20-10
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri 4:10-6:50-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-6:50-9:20 Mon 4:10-9:20 Tue-Thu 4:10-6:50-9:20
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri 3:40-7:10-10:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-3:40-7:10-10:20 No Passes Mon 3:40-7:10-10:10 No Passes Tue 3:40-7:10-10:20 No Passes Wed-Thu 3:40-7:10-10:10 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Shutter Island (14A) No Passes Fri 3:6:40-10:05 No Passes Sat-Sun 12-3-6:40-10:05 No Passes Mon-Thu 3-6:40-10:05
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri 3:10-6:10-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:10-6:10-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:10-6:10-9:10
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri 3:20-4:10-6:35-7:30-9:40-10:30 No Passes Mon 3:20-4:10-6:35-7:15-9:40-10:15 No Passes Tue 3:20-4:10-6:35-7:30-9:40-10:30 No Passes Wed-Thu 3:20-4:10-6:35-7:15-9:40-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
When in Rome (PG) Fri 4:30-7:40-10:10 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:40-10:10 Mon 4:30-10:10 Tue-Thu 4:30-7:40-10:10
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri 3:30-4-6:20-7-9-9:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:20-1:20-3:30-4-6:20-7-9-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-4-6:20-7-9-9:50

SILVERCITY RICHMOND HILL
8771 Yonge St., 905-709-3199

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 12:30-2:15-4:10-6:30-8-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:15-6:30-8-10:15
CTV Olympic Games Broadcast (STC) Fri-Sun 1 Mon-Thu 3
Dear John (PG) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:15-7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10-10:10
Edge of Darkness (14A) Fri-Thu 9:20
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Sat 2:4:50-7:50-10:25 Sun 2-7:50-10:25 Mon-Thu 3:55-7:15-9:55
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:20-3:40-6:45-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:40-6:55-9:50
Shutter Island (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12-12:40-3:20-4-6:40-7:20-10:10:45 No Passes Mon-Thu 3-3:20-6:15-6:40-9:35-10
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Sun 12:10-3:25-5:10 Mon-Thu 4-6:45 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Up in the Air (14A) Fri-Mon 3:15-6:20-9:30 Tue 6:20-9:30 Wed-Thu 3:15-6:20-9:30
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:45-1:30-3:40-4:30-6:50-7:30-10:05-10:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:30-3:45-6:25-7:9:25-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
When in Rome (PG) Fri-Sun 1
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:20-1:45-4:20-4:40-7:7:40-9:40-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:10-4:20-6:05-7:05-9-9:45

HALTON

GALAXY CINEMAS MILTON
1175 Maple Ave., 905-864-1666

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri 8 Sat-Sun 12:30-4:10-8 Mon-Thu 8
Dear John (PG) Fri 7:05-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-7:05-9:45 Mon-Thu 7:05-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Sat 7-9:30 Sun 9:30 Mon-Thu 7-9:30
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri 6:45-9:35 No Passes Sat-Sun 1-3:50-6:45-9:35 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:45-9:35 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Shutter Island (14A) No Passes Fri 6:50-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:15-3:30-6:50-10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:50-10
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri 6:30-9:20 Sat 1:10-4-6:30-9:20 Sun 1:10-4-6:30 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:20
Valentine's Day (PG) No Passes Fri 6:40-9:40 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:40-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:40-9:40
When in Rome (PG) Sat-Sun 1:20-3:40
The Wolfman (18A) No Passes Fri 7:10-9:50 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:15-4:20-7:10-9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:10-9:50
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SILVERCITY BURLINGTON 8
1250 Brant St., 416-646-0444

Avatar 3D (STC) Fri-Sun 11:30-3:10-6:50-10:20 Mon-Thu 3:10-6:50-10:20
CTV Olympic Games Broadcast (STC) Fri-Sun 1 Mon-Thu 3
Dear John (PG) Fri-Sun 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:05-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
From Paris With Love (14A) Fri-Thu 6:45-9:30
It's Complicated (14A) Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10-10:10
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:45-3:50-7:9:50 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:50-7:9:50
Shutter Island (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12-3:15-6:30-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:15-6:30-9:40 No Passes Fri-Sun 12:45-4:7:15-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:7:15-10:30
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Sun 1-4 Mon-Thu 4
Up in the Air (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:20-10:20
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The Blind Side (PG) Fri 1:25-4:20-7:15-10:05 Sat-Sun 10:40-1:25-4:20-7:15-10:05 Mon-Thu 1:25-4:20-7:15-10:05
The Book of Eli (14A) Fri 1:40-4:35-7:25-10:15 Sat-Sun 10:50-1:40-4:35-7:25-10:15 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:35-7:25-10:15
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Daybreakers (18A) Fri-Thu 8-10:25
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An Education (PG) Fri 2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Sat-Sun 11:40-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Mon-Thu 2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10
Leap Year (PG) Fri 2:10-4:45-7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:15-2:10-4:45-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 2:10-4:45-7:20-9:50
Legion (14A) Fri 12:55-3:15-5:45-8:10-10:35 Sat-Sun 10:35-12:55-3:15-5:45-8:10-10:35 Mon-Thu 3:15-5:45-8:10-10:35
The Lovely Bones (PG) Fri-Thu 4-9:35
My Name Is Khan (PG) Sub-Titled Fri 2-5:45-9:30 Sub-Titled Sat-Sun 10:40-2-5:45-9:30 Sub-Titled Mon-Thu 2-5:45-9:30
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Valentine's Day, with its star-studded cast, opened last week.

The Billboard 200
1. Soldier of Love, Sade; 2. Need You Now, Lady Antebellum;
3. Another Round, Jaheim; 4. Rebirth, Little Wayne; 5 Haywire, Josh Turner. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Music

Barenaked Ladies

Barenaked Ladies set to rock city hall

CONCERT It's not only Vancouver that's celebrating the 2010 Olympics.

Scarborough's Barenaked Ladies — haven't heard from them in a while, have we? — are headlining the Toronto edition of CTV's Olympic Celebration, going Saturday at Nathan Phillips Square from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

You may even catch some tracks from their upcoming album All In Good Time, the first the Ladies have released since ex-pat Steven Page's brush with the law and departure from the band.

Joining them will be Justin Hines and Fefe Dobson. Along with the music, the celebration features a winter gaming zone, and live onscreen coverage of the Alpine Skiing Ladies Super G final live from Whistler, B.C.

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Cruising for a Bruising

Bedouin Soundclash frontman Jay Malinowski plunders his personal life

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada

"I've never told anyone about this before," admits guitarist/vocalist Jay Malinowski ominously. Revered as one-third of ska/punk/pop trio Bedouin Soundclash, he's discussing the motivation behind debut solo effort Bright Lights And Bruises.

"I was sitting around with a friend after a Bedouin show in London," the story continues. "He said, 'Someone needs to punch you in the face or something.' I asked him what he meant and he said, 'It's like you can write songs but it's like sometimes you need to say something more ... you need to say something.'"

Adored for his role in crafting upbeat, footloose and fancy free romps with Toronto-based Bedouin Soundclash, the soft-spoken crooner admits that while rather combative, his colleague was entirely right: There's nothing wrong with Bedouin Soundclash's levity, yet Malinowski is capable of crafting tunes with far more emotional girth. Strangely enough, neither Malinowski nor his potential assaulter realized how fulfilling that statement would be.

Jay Malinowski's Bright Lights And Bruises is moody, richly personal and incredibly introspective.

Faced with intense personal tribulations and brimming with emotion a few months later, Malinowski was compelled to purge it through his only release — music. Penning tune after tune and committing them to tape, the resulting effort, Bright Lights And Bruises, is a decidedly deep, undeniably contemplative collection. Without getting into specifics, Malinowski reveals that a battered private life was crucial in both realizing Bright Lights And Bruises, not to mention ensuring Bedouin Soundclash would continue.

"For better or worse, (writing deeper music) happened to me. It wasn't my buddy though. Life punched me in the face," he waxes wistfully. "I had to do some serious soul-searching."

Replete with ballads, twangy country bouts and sublime pop, Bright Lights And Bruises is moody, richly personal and incredibly introspective; features a sound befitting the catharsis Malinowski so urgently required. As an aside, it's also the first release on Bedouin Soundclash's fledgling label Pirates Blend Records (distributed via Sony Music Canada) after realizing Bright Lights And Bruises' initial suitors, "were incongruent with what I wanted to do. It was meant to be this way."

At that, with the emotional purge of Bright Lights And Bruises under his belt, Malinowski declares that new Bedouin Soundclash material should be forthcoming as of fall this year. More importantly though, that friend probably isn't going to deck him any time soon.

"I've been working through things and it's cathartic. Getting it out there is what you do as a writer. You extricate yourself from the past ... and I've stopped looking at life as positive and negative experience. They're just experiences as a whole and serenity is key. You just have to let it happen."

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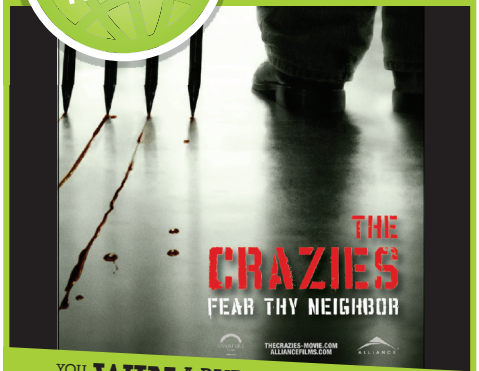

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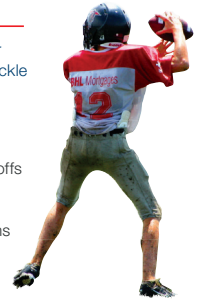
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"Coldplay fans — 2.5 million of them — get offers directly from the band or through the mysterious Roadie #42 (coldplay)."

NOTE: This is definitely an article you'll want to rip out to use for future reference.

In Twitter parlance, Fridays are Follow Friday (or, more correctly, #followfriday), the day on which many users offer suggestions on whom to track. To find anyone or anything listed below, just sign in to Twitter, click "Find People" and enter the name provided. If don't have a Twitter account, getting one is free and easy at twitter.com.

Artists: Coldplay fans — 2.5 million of them — get offers directly from the band or through the mysterious Roadie #42 (coldplay). Weezer is so serious about social media that they take Karl, their webmaster, with them just about everywhere they go. He's how fans first learned about their bad bus crash (WeezerOfficial). Sloan likes to connect fans to new songs (Sloanmusic). And check out Courtney Love's grammatically and politically incorrect screeds (CourtneyLoveUK).

Music News: Most music magazines and websites offer Twitter alerts with breaking news or links to interesting stories. Britain's NME (NMEmagazine) does a great job as does Spin (SPINmagazine) and Rolling Stone (RollingStone). Highly underrated is Canada's FYI Music (fyimusic), which is a great aggregator of content.

Music Writers and Bloggers: Many writers of music columns for newspapers push out their own tweets in real time. Neil McCormick, who writes for London's Daily Telegraph, offers amusing tweets as he flits between gigs and interviews (neil_mccormick). Bob Lefsetz is the music industry's most outspoken critic and is a must read (Lefsetz). And when Billboard's Glenn Peoples links to something with his tweets, I'm guaranteed to click through (billboardglenn).

Record Labels: Most labels have figured out that Twitter can be an excellent promotional tool for their artists with offers, contests and news. Follow Sony (Sony_Music), Universal (Universal_Music), EMI (emimusiccanada) and Warner (warnercanada). Indie MapleMusic is also very good (maplemusicrecs).

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Me? I can guarantee you lots of music news, opinion and links by following ExploreMusic, my web-and-radio thing (ExploreMusic). And I'm posting music and tech stuff to my personal feed (alancross) from everywhere all the time. For example, I'm in Oslo, Norway, today. Find out why with a quick follow.

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Concert Picks

Guitar legend Eric Clapton plays the Air Canada Centre Sunday.

Hip-Hop Karaoke

• **Friday, Revival (783 College St.):** Easy seeing why the Toronto chapter of this worldwide sensation has not only survived to mark its third anniversary since its humble beginnings at The Boat in 2007, but thrived to pack a large-venue nightclub like Revival. No attitudes, no cut-eyes and no use of the N-word have made this a feel-good party for anyone looking to bust out their mike skills. MCs Abdominal and More Or Les will also be on hand with lyrical help for anyone who gets lost along the way.

Sean Paul & Karl Wolf

• **Sunday, Sound Academy (11 Polson St.):** Player haters, run for cover! American Music Award winner and Jamaican dancehall sensation Sean Paul returns to Toronto to tour 2009's Imperial Blaze, this time with Montreal-via-Beirut R&B fusionist Karl Wolf. Expect many live versions of beats you've already heard at the club too many times to count, and bear witness to the largest collection of pencil-thin mustaches and chinstraps you've ever seen. A study of humanity at its truly fromagiest.

Eric Clapton (with Jeff Beck)

• **Sunday, Air Canada Centre (40 Bay St.):** The guitar gods and Yardbirds alumni (Beck joined the groups two days after a young Clapton took umbrage at the group releasing '60s pop classic For Your Love and left) have united for a North American tour following a gig at London's O2 arena that met middling reviews. If they rightly predict what's in store, you should prepare for a mercurial, bicep-sporting Beck acting the showman with aggressive jazz-rock hybrid solos, while Clapton plays the subdued technician never to stray off the beaten blues-rock path. But you never know, right?

Amy Sky and Family

• **Sunday, St. Andrews Lutheran Church (383 Jarvis St.):** Singer-songwriter Amy Sky will bring husband Marc Jordan (fresh off of wrapping up a film shoot alongside Olivia Newton-John) and daughter Zoe Sky-Jordan to the stage for a Haiti benefit concert. Keep your eyes peeled for Maiko Watson formerly of Sugar Jones (Remember that Popstars show?) and a few other local talents at the 1,000-seat gig.

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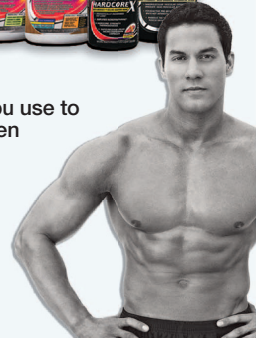

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'Death by misadventure'

The legacy of AC/DC's Bon Scott lives on today, 30 years after his death

BRIAN TOWIE
for Metro Canada

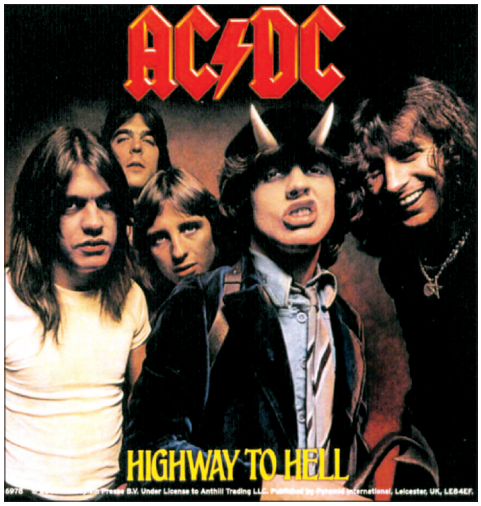
"You can stick your nine to five living and your collar and your tie. You can stick your moral standards cause it's all a dirty lie." Bon Scott knew it, lived it and died by it.

Millions of AC/DC fans will spend this Friday marking the 30th anniversary of Scott's "death by misadventure" as the London coroner pronounced. On Feb. 19, 1980, the Scottish-born singer was found in a car after a night of hard drinking, dead of acute alcohol poisoning at age 33.

Fans around the world have been flocking to Fremantle, Western Australia to pay their respects at his final resting place, reportedly the most visited grave in that country and a national heritage site. For good reason too: If school-uniform clad guitarist Angus Young was the face of AC/DC, then Scott gave the band its cavalier damn-the-rules-and-have-fun ethos, delivered with his trademark bare-chested rock 'n' roll strut.

All the more tragic that Scott's death coincided with AC/DC finally getting the recognition it deserved after years of cult status. Highway To Hell, released in 1979, went platinum seven times over and was the band's first album to break into the U.S. Top 100, catapulting AC/DC to superstardom among the world's top hard rock acts.

The approach stayed the same as ever: Unsophisticated pulse-pounding riffs accompanied Scott's powerful and at times self-deprecating working man's sensibility and insatiable lechery (Scott roars on track Shot Down In Flames, "She was standing alone over by the jukebox like she'd something to sell. I said, 'Baby, what's the going price?' She told me to go to hell."). Add in classics like Girls Got Rhythm, Touch Too Much and Night Prowler (a favourite among strippers and at least one serial killer, unfortunately) and you've got something instantly resonant with every young red-blooded male just trying to make his way in the world.



Highway To Hell — released the year before the death of Bon Scott — catapulting AC/DC to international superstardom.

Within weeks of Scott's cremation, AC/DC reorganized with new lead singer Brian Johnson, to cut a tribute album to their departed friend. Released in July 1980, Back In Black became the second-highest selling album ever next to Michael Jackson's Thriller, with an estimated 50 million copies sold worldwide to date. In 1997, the band released Bonfire, a tribute box set featuring a collection of unreleased tracks — including a grittier version of If You Want Blood (You Got It) — two live performance discs and a remastered version of keystone album Back In Black.

It truly is a long way to the top, if you wanna rock 'n' roll. Luckily for AC/DC, he played a big part in getting them there.

"I ain't too old to die, but I sure am hard to beat," Bon Scott once declared on track Ride On. Amen to that.

Leonard Cohen

Cohen passed the torch to Lang, son says

OLYMPICS When he was asked to perform at last week's Olympic opening ceremonies in Vancouver, Leonard Cohen basically told organizers "hallelujah" for k.d. lang.

Adam Cohen, the son of the singing, songwriting icon, revealed in an interview this week that organizers wanted his father to appear at the kickoff ceremonies last Friday for the Olympics in Vancouver.

"We're all huge fans of k.d. lang," Adam Cohen said, referring to members of his family. "She's exquisite, and in fact there was a moment where people were pressing quite hard to invite my father to participate. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Australian hip-hop outfit Hilltop Hoods are touring Canada.

Hip hop from the land down under

KEITH CARMAN
for Metro Canada

Beer, crocodiles ... Paul Hogan. When thinking of Australia, many stereotypes come into play.

Hip hop isn't one of them, however. Erroneously considered specific to North America and more particularly the United State, this music form seems out of place amongst clichéd images of Aussie culture. Yet as MC Suffa (nee Matt Lambert) of Australia's most successful/notorious hip-hop collective Hilltop Hoods reveals, we shouldn't feel so bad for knowing nothing about his native land's rap scene.

"Hip-hop culture is in its youth over here," he beams. "It's New York circa the 1990s: Packed clubs, people playing sample-heavy music ... There's a lot of excitement behind it. (Hip hop) is a burgeoning art form here. Commercialization and over-saturation hasn't happened."

Blasting out their smooth rhymes and infectious beats for almost 20 years, Hilltop Hoods — completed by MC Pressure (Daniel Smith) and DJ Debris (Barry Francis) — are proud to see that their music of choice is finally garnering some attention at home. The trio's fifth full-length State Of The Art (Golden Era) reached No. 1 last summer, unseated only by a posthumous Michael Jackson compilation. To Suffa, that proves the scene's puerility and strength.

"We're lucky that we get to do the music we love and people can enjoy it without it being a hipster trend. We have that freedom and that flexibility," he notes, adding that because it's so fresh, Aussie hip-hop is emancipated from the trappings of its North American brethren. "Our brand of hip-hop is party hip-hop. It's sample-heavy and not bling, guns or gangsters. It's about whatever we want, provided we respect our art and our pioneers."

Suffa adds that he hopes the outfit's forthcoming Canadian tour will not only provoke genre fans to revert back to the positive themes and upbeat atmosphere of formative hip-hop but prove to us that as per another stereotype, "Aussies and Canucks aren't that different in terms of attitude. We're all pretty welcoming and laid-back."

In Concert

- Hilltop Hoods play Lee's Palace Friday with Scratch and Cale Sampson. $17.50.

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Bell manager of community affairs Melisa Djebbari, left, and regional director community affairs Lena Demarco.

Author Theo Caldwell.

THE BOOK LOVER'S BALL turned a new chapter as it marked its fifth anniversary in support of the Toronto Public Library Foundation. The annual event, held at the historic Fairmont Royal York Hotel, fêted invited guests with celebrity storytellers. The evening began with a catered cocktail silent auction pre-reception and ended with a book-inspired fashion show.

RIGHT: Josie Dworak, senior strategic marketing co-ordinator at John Wiley and Sons.

Celebrity chef David Rocco and wife Nina.

Toronto Public Library Foundation president Heather Rumball.

Ball guests Barrick Gold Corp. director of communications Nancy White, left, and architect Debbie Van Vugt.

Authors Andrew Pyper and Rebecca Eckler.

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While my guitar gently weeps

His plans are in flux, but Kevin Eubanks says that for now he'll still be with Jay Leno when they return to the Tonight Show, but in a reduced capacity. Eubanks reportedly was going to leave at some point after the show resumes March 1. PEOPLE.COM

Television

Less Than Kind seeks a kinder audience at HBO

After failing to capture audiences on Citytv, Less Than Kind returns for a second season on HBO Canada with showrunner Mark McKinney touting the premium channel as a better fit for the black comedy.

McKinney says a move up the dial grants the Winnipeg-based series greater freedom to push the boundaries than during its limited run on conventional television.

"The show was always conceived to be quite edgy, quite dark and to take a lot of permission with the subject matter, and now that we're on HBO it just fits like a glove," says McKinney, seated next to star Maury Chaykin for a round of media interviews.

"It's kind of where the show belongs, I think, on premium TV. We make use of it, and I don't just mean by cursing and showing nudity — although there is some of that. It's about the way you can sort of explore a theme."

The serial nature of shows on HBO Canada — home to such daring fare as the polygamy drama Big Love and the vampire romance True Blood — allows Less Than Kind to pursue its long story arcs without fear of losing audiences to surprise schedule changes, McKinney says.

He bemoaned the show's Citytv time-slot — directly after the sensational reality show The Bachelorette — as less than kind to the offbeat series, about the trials of an overweight teen and his overbearing Jewish family.

"We sort of caught a bad break at the beginning because the (Bachelorette), which was scheduled at 90 minutes ... was this runaway hit last year and they extended the show for two hours," notes the writer/producer.

"And because City was trapped into a simulcast they had to bump us, and so we came back on the dial sometime in mid-March."

"It started to build an audience and then the poor audience didn't know where to find it," adds Chaykin. McKinney says the beauty of premium cable is that schedules are generally a lot more consistent and not as "reactive" as on network TV.

The cast of Less Than Kind

Less Than Kind airs on HBO Canada Friday

Things for the Blecher clan don't look good as the new season kicks off with the beleaguered Sheldon and his kin standing vigil at the bedside of their dying patriarch, played by Chaykin. McKinney's Kids in the Hall pal Dave Foley guest stars as Dr. Sheasgreen, a doctor whose efforts to display his skill at comforting the grieving are frustrated when Sam's health unexpectedly rallies.

Other guests this season include George Wendt from Cheers as a biker, and Henry Czerny of The Tudors and The Boys of St. Vincent as a love interest for Sheldon's aunt, Clara.

McKinney says the series is already in development for season three and insists the cast is more enamoured with Winnipeg than ever.

"And, God willing, we do season three, it'll be (shot) in a much warmer environment," says Chaykin, referring to the winter shoots that marked the first two seasons. "People are warning us about the giant mosquitoes."

"And the colour of people's skin in shorts come May," added McKinney. "Apparently that's really frightening, when people first put on their shorts, it's like a scene from Dawn of the Dead."

Less Than Kind airs on HBO Canada on Friday, followed by the debut of the animated Ricky Gervais Show and, later in the evening, the launch of the web spinoff Funny or Die Presents.

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Octomom checks out The View

TALK SHOW ABC says octuplets mother Nadya Suleman will make her first appearance as a guest on The View next week.

Suleman and her children have been a frequent topic of debate on the weekday talk show, co-hosted by Barbara Walters, Whoopi Goldberg, Joy Behar, Elisabeth Hasselbeck and Sherri Shepherd. She will appear Wednesday on the show.

Widely known as Octomom, Suleman gained international attention last year for giving birth to octuplets, the second full set of octuplets born alive in the United States. She also has six other children. She conceived all her children by in vitro fertilization and she has been criticized for growing this huge family as a single mother on public assistance.The octuplets celebrated their first birthday in January.

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What You Need
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1 Tbsp. oil
3 cups chopped mixed fresh vegetables (red peppers, broccoli, mushrooms)
1 clove garlic, minced
1/4 cup Kraft Calorie-Wise Catalina Dressing
2 Tbsp. hoisin sauce
1 tsp. crushed red pepper

Make it
COOK and stir chicken in hot oil in large skillet on high heat 1 min. Add vegetables and garlic; cook and stir 3 to 5 min. or until chicken is lightly browned.
ADD remaining ingredients; cook 2 min. or until chicken is done and vegetables are crisp-tender.

THIS WEEK ON THE SHOW – SPEEDY SUPPERS ➤ whatscookingtv.com

Doherty chose Canada over L.A.

There was no California dreamin' for the family of the late Halifax singer Denny Doherty, who co-founded the 1960s sunshine pop group the Mamas & the Papas.

Emberly Doherty, his daughter, says her mother insisted he leave Los Angeles in the 1970s to escape the local rock 'n' roll party scene that sparked his alcohol addiction.

With that, Denny and Jeanette Doherty raised daughter Emberly and son John away from the spotlight in Halifax, Mississauga, Ont., and New York.

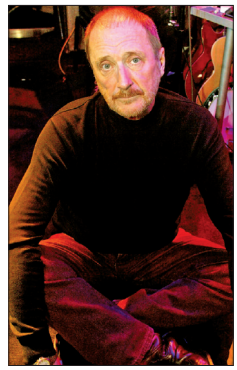
And Doherty says that saved him.

"Thank God he got out of California and got away," Doherty, 28, said of her dad, who is the focus of Sunday's final Great Canadian Biographies instalment on Bravo.

"They say it in the documentary that my mom saved his life. Like, I don't know what would've happened if he had continued down that road. He got out of Dodge."

Here I Am: Denny Doherty and the Mamas & the Papas chronicles the beloved performer's rise from north-end Halifax to the top of the charts with the band that scored hits including California Dreamin and Monday, Monday.

Doherty, who died in January 2007, is also seen in the doc telling his life story in his off-Broadway show Dream a Little Dream, named after late band member (Mama) Cass Elliot's first solo single. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Denny Doherty

FRIDAY

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2/19/10	265	353	2	TVO	Feast India	Feast India	Agenda With Steve Paikin		Heartbeat		A. Gregg	Film 101	Agenda
	211	331	3	GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	House "Teamwork"		Shark Tank		NUMB3RS (HDTV)		News Hour
	215	343	4	OMN1	Two Men	The Office	XXI Winter Olympics Cross Country Skiing. (Live)				Law & Order: Intent		Look I Cook
	210	302	6	CBC	Wheel	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National (N)		The Hour
	214	344	7	CITY	Murdoch Mysteries (HDTV)		Glenn Martin	Glenn Martin	Man Tracker (DVS)		Dark Blue		News
	212	313	8	CTV	(6) XXI Winter Olympics Figure Skating, Skeleton, Medal Ceremonies. Figure Skating; Skeleton; Medal Ceremonies. (Live)								
	218	345	11	CHCH	*Dude, Where's My Car?* ★ (2000, Comedy)				*The Blues Brothers* ★★★ (1980, Musical Comedy)				News at 11
	-	387	16	CBS	Inside Edition	Access H.	Ghost Whisperer		Medium (HDTV)		NUMB3RS (HDTV)		News 4 at 11
	-	385	17	NBC	Entertainment	Olympic Zone	XXI Winter Olympics Figure Skating, Skeleton, Skiing, Ski Jumping. (HDTV) (Live)						
	-	386	18	ABC	Wheel	Jeopardy! (N)	*Meet the Fockers* ★★ (2004, Comedy)				20/20 (HDTV) (N)		News
	219	346	20	ACH-B	TMZ (N)	Access H.	Ghost Whisperer		Medium (HDTV)		The Mentalist		A News
	-	-	28	FOX	Judge Judy	Two Men	House "Teamwork"		Kitchen Nightmares		Seinfeld	Two Men	Simpsons
	-	388	61	PBS	NewsHour	Summer Wine	*Dangerous Liaisons* ★★★ (1988, Drama)				Yellowstone	Washington	Business Rpt.
news	500	500	33	CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
sports	405	417	22	net	(6) XXI Winter Olympics Cross Country Skiing, Hockey, Curling. (HDTV) (Live)								
	400	400	30	TSN	(6) XXI Winter Olympics Curling, Figure Skating, Skiing, Ski Jumping. (HDTV) (Live)								
family	551	542	25	YTV	To Be Indie	To Be Indie	The Next Star		That's-Weird	Fries That?	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol
	554	544	45	TEL	Batman	Wolverine	Justice	Star Wars	Futurama	King of Hill	*Hellboy: Sword of Storms* (2006)		
	556	540	51	FAM	Sonny	*My Dog Skip* ★★★ (2000, Drama)			(9:05) *Cadet Kelly* ★★ (2002)			(10:45) *Class President*	
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal
	575	583	38	CMT	Funniest Home Videos		Reba	Reba	Jim	Jim	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	CMT Greatest
	616	521	39	SHO	Relic Hunter		*Odysseus and the Isle of the Mists* (2008, Fantasy)				Kenny vs.	Kenny	Trailer Park
	294	529	47	TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	House/Payne	House/Payne	Law & Order: SVU		*American Beauty* ★★★★ (1999)		
	581	566	52	MTV	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	MTV Live	Taking, Stage	16 and Pregnant		1 girl 5 gays
	603	561	56	FOOD	Ricardo	Eat, Shrink	Wild Chef	Chef Abroad	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Diners	Diners	Ramsay
	300	601	301	M1	*Lymelife*		*Cyborg Soldier* (2008, Science Fiction)		*The Taking of Pelham 123* ★★ (2009, Action)				*Body of Lies*

SATURDAY

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2/20/10	265	353	2	TVO	Big Easy Animal Rescue		*Malcolm X* ★★★ (1992, Biography) Denzel Washington, Angela Bassett, Albert Hall. (DVS)						
	211	331	3	GTV	Focus	Jane Show	*The Last Trimester* (2006, Suspense) Chandra West.				Love-Death	G-Spot	News Hour
	215	343	4	OMN1	Z Ukosa		XXI Winter Olympics Skiing, Cross Country Skiing, Speed Skating. (Live)						
	210	302	6	CBC	NBA Basketball Washington Wizards at Toronto Raptors.						*Coach Carter* ★★★ (2005, Drama), Rob Brown		
	214	344	7	CITY	Cooking	Amazing	Glenn Martin	Out There	*On the Nose* ★★ (2001, Comedy) (DVS)				Crusoe
	212	313	8	CTV	(6) XXI Winter Olympics Speed Skating, Bobsledding, Short Track Speed Skating, Medal Ceremonies. (Live)								
	218	345	11	CHCH	*Grease* ★★★ (1978, Musical) John Travolta.				*Smokey and the Bandit* ★★★ (1977, Comedy)				News at 11
	-	387	16	CBS	Paid Program	Paid Program	NUMB3RS (HDTV)		48 Hours Mystery		48 Hours Mystery (N)		News 4 at 11
	-	385	17	NBC	Paid Program	The Insider	XXI Winter Olympics Speed Skating, Bobsled, Skiing. (HDTV) (Live)						
	-	386	18	ABC	Paid Program	Paid Program	*Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* ★★★ (2004, Fantasy), Emma Watson						News
	219	346	20	ACH-B	The Road to Avonlea		*Sub Zero* (2005, Suspense) Costas Mandylor. (DVS)				Stargate Atlantis		A News
	-	-	28	FOX	Paid Program	Paid Program	Cops	Cops	America's Most Wanted		Simpsons	Simpsons	Wanda Sykes
	-	388	61	PBS	All Creatures Great & Small		Lark Rise to Candleford		Return of Sherlock Holmes		Poirot "The Dream"		Masterpiece
news	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Camp. Brown
sports	405	417	22	net	(6) XXI Winter Olympics Curling, Skiing, Short track Speed Skating, Hockey. (HDTV) (Live)								
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family	551	542	25	YTV	Zeke's Pad	Prank Patrol	The Next Star		That's-Weird	Prank Patrol	Survive This	Ghost	Adrenaline
	554	544	45	TEL	*Dennis the Menace* ★★ (1993, Comedy)				Futurama	King of Hill	Chicken	Venture Bros.	Moral Orel
	556	540	51	FAM	Suite/Deck	Zoey 101	Suite Life	Han. Montana	*The Mighty* ★★★ (1998, Drama)			(10:40) *City Slickers*	
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		*The Green Mile* ★★★ (1999, Drama) (HDTV) Tom Hanks, David Morse.						Seagal
	575	583	38	CMT	Cross Canada Countdown		UnStable	UnStable	CMT Star	CMT Star	Little Big Town Live		The Show
	616	521	39	SHO	Slings and Arrows		*The Unquiet* (2007, Suspense) Cara Buono.				*Resident Evil: Extinction* ★★ (2007)		
	294	529	47	TBS	House/Payne	House-Payne	*Charlie's Angels* ★★★ (2000, Action), Lucy Liu				*Titanic* ★★★★ (1997, Drama)		
	581	566	52	MTV	Cribs	Cribs	Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Model
	603	561	56	FOOD	Glutton	Chef Abroad	River Cottage Treatment		Chopped		Top Chef Masters		Hell's Kitchen
	300	601	301	M1	(6:45) *Coraline* (2009, Fantasy)			Pacific	*Easy Virtue* (2008, Romance-Comedy)			(10:45) *Lakeview Terrace*	

SUNDAY

TO	Vu	SD	C		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
2/21/10	265	353	2	TVO	Monarchy		Born to Be Different (N)		Britz "Nasima" (Part 2 of 2)			The View From Here	
	211	331	3	GTV	16:9-Picture	Family	Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	Brothers & Sisters (N)		News Hour
	215	343	4	OMN1	Danforth		XXI Winter Olympics Hockey, Speed Skating, Freestyle Skiing. (Live)					Metropia	Corpo E Alma
	210	302	6	CBC	Heartland (DVS)		*Saint Ralph* ★★★ (2004, Comedy-Drama)				CBC News: The National		Doc Zone
	214	344	7	CITY	Survivorman (DVS)		Extreme Makeover: Home		Murdoch Mysteries (HDTV) (DVS)				Crusoe
	212	313	8	CTV	(6:05) XXI Winter Olympics Bobsledding, Speed Skating, Hockey, Figure Skating, Medal Ceremonies. (Live)								
	218	345	11	CHCH	*Miss Congeniality* ★★ (2000, Comedy) Sandra Bullock.				*Beverly Hills Cop* ★★★ (1984, Comedy-Drama)				News at 11
	-	387	16	CBS	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)		The Amazing Race 16		Undercover Boss (N)		Cold Case (HDTV) (N)		News 4 at 11
	-	385	17	NBC	XXI Winter Olympics Figure Skating, Speed Skating, Freestyle Skiing, Bobsled. (HDTV) (Live)								News
	-	386	18	ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives (N)		Brothers & Sisters (N)		News
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news	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		State of the Union		Larry King Live		Newsroom		State/Union
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cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami "Burned"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal
	575	583	38	CMT	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Funniest Home Videos		Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Martina McBride		Star Crossed
	616	521	39	SHO	Cra$h & Burn (HDTV)		*The Perfect Assistant* (2008, Drama) Rachel Hunter.				Damages (HDTV) (N)		Cra$h & Burn
	294	529	47	TBS	Black in America "Today's Pioneers"				(8:45) Black in America "Tomorrow's Leaders"			*Pride* (2007, Drama)	
	581	566	52	MTV	Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Cribs	Cribs	1 girl 5 gays
	603	561	56	FOOD	Challenge		Jamie's Chef		Iron Chef America		Dinner: Impossible		Restaurant
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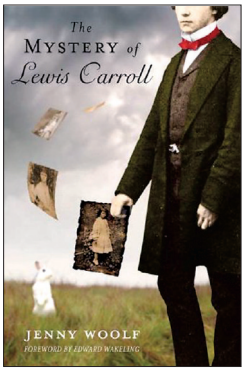
Gilmore movie adaptation

Alexis Bledel has a lot on her plate, but Gilmore Girl fans will be happy to hear that she won't rule out a movie adaptation. "I don't know what the story would be, but I would be curious to find out what it would be," she said. POPEATER.COM

Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 The Mystery of Lewis Carroll: Jenny Woolf



BOOK Prepare for the rabbit hole (Tim Burton's film version of Alice in Wonderland's out March 5) with this new biography of the famed author. British journalist Jenny Woolf's chronicle digs deep into some of the rumours that have surrounded the writer over the years: Was he a pedophile? Was his most enduring character based on Alice Liddle?

2 Hotdosclibrary.ca

WEBSITE Fans of Canadian documentaries can now get their fill online. The Hot Docs documentary film festival is making hundreds of titles available for viewing at hotdocslibrary.ca. The library offers free access to films by some of the country's leading directors, including Jennifer Baichwal, Allan King, Avi Lewis and John Haslett Cuff.

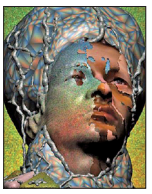
3 The Damned United

DVD Soccer fan or not, this was arguably the best sports film — yes, not The Blind Side— released in 2009. British thespian Michael Sheen is on the ball with his portrayal of legendary soccer manager Brian Clough, who made a living out of transforming minor clubs to league champs only to fall flat during his short tenure with '70s powerhouse Leeds United. Too bad Oscar didn't come calling.

4 Leonard Cohen

MUSICIAN OK, some credit goes to K.D. Lang for her haunting rendition of the singer-songwriter's Hallelujah at the Olympics opening ceremony. But the fact that the song was one of the highlights of a night not short of spectacle speaks volumes for Cohen's enduring influence. The Canadian legend is also up for induction into the Songwriters Hall of Fame this summer.

5 Odd Blood: Yeasayer



ALBUM Brooklyn's where it's at. Like their burrough peers TV On The Radio and The Dirty Projectors, the New York City trio play hard at being avant-garde pop stars. The band's second album is as much a curve ball as their debut, but tracks like Ambling Alp might just land them on the charts.

6 Heavy Rain

GAME If experts are to be believed, this title will revolutionize the world of video games. The noirish PlayStation3 thriller takes interactivity to cinematic heights. Shave, shower, do the grocery, bribe people, beat the hell out of someone — there are plenty of options at any given time, which ultimately affects the outcome of the game.

7 Shutter Island

FILM Master filmmaker Martin Scorsese returns to Cape Fear territory with this psychological thriller based on a Dennis Lehane novel. Will it reach the heights of Oscar-winning The Departed? Probably not, but who cares as long as good ol' Marty and his muse, Leonardo DiCaprio, pile on the dread.

Mix of Six

The Shape Of Things

When: Until March 14
Where: One 800 Gallery

A sophomore exhibition focusing on the intersection of design and art with a mix of installation, sculpture, design, photography, mixed media pieces and urban living. Thu-Sun, noon-5 p.m. one800gallery.blogspot.com

Useless Eaters

When: Sunday, 9 p.m.
Where: Rancho Relaxo

Seth Sutton's mercilessly mean garage-punk and scattered singles discography are in keeping with the ethos of the late Jay Reatard, Sutton's fellow Memphis artist and former tourmate. $7 advance.

CTV Olympic Celebrations

When: Saturday, 1 p.m.
Where: Nathan Phillips Square

If you dig the rings and don't care who knows it, check out this CTV-hosted event with activities including a hockey shootout. Free.

El Perro Del Mar

When: Sunday, 8 p.m.
Where: Mod Club

While her early work often felt insubstantial, Sarah Assbring's music has taken on real emotional heft on her stunning fourth El Perro Del Mar album, Love Is Not Pop. With Taken By Trees. $18.75 advance.

Masala! Mehndi! Masti!

When: Friday & Saturday
Where: Harbourfront Centre

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Chali 2na @ Hip-Hop Karaoke 3rd Anniversary

When: Friday
Where: Revival

This anniversary edition features one of the most recognizable baritones in hip-hop, that of LA MC Chali 2na who's known as a founding member of both Jurassic 5 and Ozomatli. $15 before 11 p.m, $20 after.

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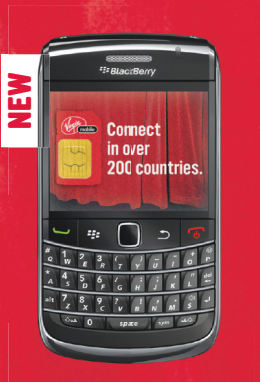

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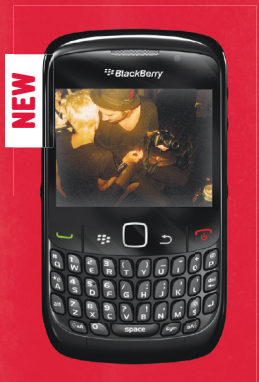

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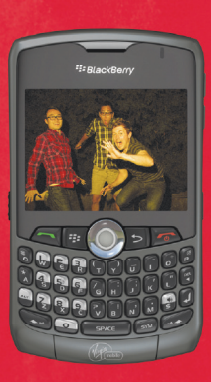

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Rowling facing lawsuit

Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling has been added to the 2004 suit against her British publisher Bloomsbury, which claims Rowling stole the idea for the fourth book in the series, eonline.com reports. **POPEATER.COM**

Entertainment in brief

Kutcher

PEOPLE Hollywood actor and web-savvy activist Ashton Kutcher says he will "crowd source" questions about the Kremlin's push to develop a Russian Silicon Valley to his 4.5 million Twitter fans. The actor is part of a U.S. delegation of technology and social media leaders that arrived in Moscow as part of White House efforts to improve ties with Russia. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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A new take on vintage

Halifax singer's debut draws inspiration from old movies

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Halifax singer-songwriter Meaghan Smith has been called the female version of Michael Bublé.

Meaghan Smith is being compared to some pretty elite company.

One Ottawa newspaper reviewer said the Halifax singer-songwriter reminds her of a female version of Michael Bublé.

Another so-called expert — a vintage Lady Ga Ga.

Not too shabby, to say the least.

Yet, while humbled by such comparisons, the 30-year-old Smith hopes this month's worldwide release of her debut album, The Cricket's Orchestra, will pave the way towards the day when her vintage style of music is seen as her own.

Take it one step further, and maybe people will even start being compared to her.

"I wouldn't mind that," Smith told Metro this week in a phone interview. "That would be great."

However, Smith knows she's not there yet. As she so rightfully puts it when talking about being compared to others, "that's what's going to happen until I establish myself."

The release of her album earlier this month is a great start. What's even better is the positive reaction it has been getting both from the public and musical critics.

"It can kind of mess up your head a little bit," Smith admitted. "Everything has been really positive.

"Not that I was expecting a negative response. I've just been feeling overwhelmed by it."

Smith's debut CD has a sound reminiscent of the '20s, '30s and '40s — a style that "greatly moved" her when she grew up listening to it in her native London, Ont.

But Smith has put her own twist to the style, with a lot of her inspirations coming from old movies she watched growing up, including such Disney cartoon favourites as Cinderella and Fox and the Hound.

"With this record, I didn't want to recreate a music from an era that's already been done," she explained. "A lot of what I did is upgraded it."

And she's continuing that trend now. She's already in the studio working on her next album.

"I think my next album is going to be a continuation of what I've started with the sound I found," she said. "I'm a lot more confident and know what I want."

Rates Rise Again
Ontario Regulators Approve More Increases To Car Insurance Rates

Are Rates REALLY Going Up Again?

Unfortunately, the answer is yes. The most recent round of rate increases approved by Ontario regulators has confirmed everyone's worst fears. Car insurance rates are continuing on their one-way trip upwards despite news late last year that the government will soon be introducing reforms to give consumers more choice and flexibility. The most recent increases for the fourth quarter of 2009 bring the average increase across Ontario insurers over the last 12 months to 8.8%. Depending on the insurance company you are with and your situation, you might be on the road to seeing double-digit increases.

Is There Any Hope Of Paying LESS For Car Insurance?

Absolutely. Rates may be on the rise, but the size of the increases can vary significantly from one company to the next and from driver to driver, so don't be fooled by the headlines which suggest we're all doomed to pay more for car insurance. The truth is that rates charged by different insurance companies to insure the same driver, with the same car, for the same coverage, can vary by hundreds and even thousands of dollars. Take a look at the table below.

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Rowling facing plagiarism lawsuit
J.K. Rowling finds herself in the middle of a plagiarism lawsuit, eonline.com reports. The Harry Potter author has been added to a suit which claims Rowling stole the idea for the fourth book in the series. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

OSCAR PERFORMANCES Some of Oscar's most memorable moments have come during performances of nominated songs. Among them: rap group Three 6 Mafia surrounded by streetwalkers as they performed It's Hard Out Here for a Pimp from Hustle&Flow in 2006, and Celine Dion's resplendent performance of the Titanic hit, My Heart Will Go On, in 1998. Don't expect such musical moments at the 82nd Academy Awards. The artists behind the year's five nominated songs will not perform during the Oscar telecast. Instead, the songs will be showcased with clips from the films that featured them, "which is how most nominated achievements are featured within the show," Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences spokeswoman Leslie Unger said Wednesday. This year's Academy Awards will be presented Mar. 7 at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood and will be broadcasted live on ABC's main network. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fey to return as Palin

SNL alumni likely to reprise role as politician in April

Tina Fey will probably reprise her famous impression of Sarah Palin when she hosts Saturday Night Live in April, the comedian told The Associated Press.

"It's inevitable that we'll try it, at least," Fey said in an interview Tuesday. "We'll see if it makes it to air."

Officials at the NBC sketch show wouldn't comment; SNL generally doesn't discuss any planned sketches, given that much can change even in the hours before show time.

Fey's performances as the former Alaska governor and Republican vice-presidential candidate were an icon of the 2008 campaign and drew huge ratings for SNL.

Fey made four appearances on the show as Palin, earning her an Emmy in September for guest actor. She was also voted 2008's AP Entertainer of the Year.

The comedian said the whole experience was "a little overwhelming."

"It was the strangest thing that's ever happened to me," Fey said. "I've never had anything fall in my lap like that. Everything is usually me trying to convince the people of Earth that it's OK for me to perform. ... That felt like the opposite."

Palin also made a cameo on SNL, briefly appearing alongside Fey in October 2008. Afterward, Palin said she had fun on the show and would do it again if asked.

In her memoir, Going Rogue, Palin wrote that she grew up watching SNL.

The 39-year-old Fey was a head writer and cast member of SNL before leaving to create the sitcom 30 Rock, on which she stars. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tina Fey as Sarah Palin

"It's inevitable that we'll try it, at least...We'll see if it makes it to air."
Tina Fey

Fey Facts

- Fey worked on Saturday Night Live between 1997 and 2006.
- She started there as a junior writer after being spotted at New York's Second City comedy club
- Her first sketch starred Chris Farley.

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5 must-visit danger destinations

Put the thrill back in your vacations by visiting these heart-stopping locations

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The running of the bulls in Pamplona has claimed 15 lives since 1924 — the first year statistics were kept. The number is assumed to be much higher.

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News

Has your summer jet-skiing started to feel a little tame?

Do the bright lights of New York not shine as bright any more?

Would you rather gouge out an eye rather than sit on another beach at another all-inclusive resort?

Metro has compiled a list of the top five dangerous destinations — guaranteed to put a thrill back in your vacations.

5 SPAIN
Running with the bulls, Pamplona

A classic piece of vacation madness in which hundreds of drunk men try to outrun several tonnes of very bad-tempered bovines on the streets of a small town in north east Spain.

Despite the mad and potentially fatal set-up it is insanely exciting.

But before you run watch how it works, talk to experienced runners to prevent becoming an injury statistic.

Death toll: 15 since 1924 (the first year of statistics)

4 ZAMBIA
White water rafting in crocodile filled waters

This white water, white knuckle ride takes place in the terrifying rapids of the Zambezi between Zambia and Zimbabwe. The rapids around Batoka Gorge below Victoria Falls have been given charming nicknames by the tourists. These include The Highway to Hell, Stairway to Heaven and Mother. Basically if the rapids don't get you then the crocodiles will.

Death toll: About 30 per year.

3 SWITZERLAND
Ice Climbing, Hinterrhein

Even by mountaineers' standards this area west of St. Moritz near the Swiss-Italian border is borderline insane. Take the sheer 90 degree faces made up of sheet ice and add to this sub-zero temperatures and a serious and constant threat of avalanche. It doesn't get scarier.

Death toll: Varies by area

Ice climbing in Switzerland can see 90 degree angles.

2 INDIAN OCEAN
Sailing off East Africa

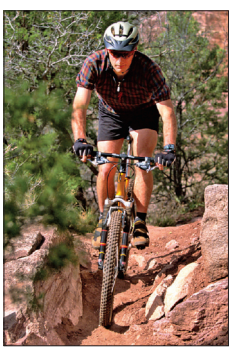
The blue waters of the Indian Ocean used to be a magnet for adventurous sailors. Today it is a desperately dangerous shipping lane awash with Somali pirates. Last year 214 vessels were hijacked and 263 people were held by pirates. In October Paul and Rachel Chandler, from th UK were captured as they sailed from the Seychelles towards Tanzania. The pirates have pledged to die rather than free them.

Death toll: Unknown

1 BOLIVIA
Biking the El Camino de la Muerte, La Paz

Locals pray before attempting to drive the Road of Death, and with good reason. However, the clear and present danger and many warnings fail to deter thousands of extreme cyclists who take the 70km journey La Paz to Coroico. Expect tiny, one-track unmade roads with an unprotected sheer drop of 500 meters.

Death toll: About 100 per year.



500 metre drops await if you stray from the path on the La Paz to Coroico route.

Bun came home!
In what may be the happiest story of the month so far, West Coast Choppers bad boy Jesse James has found his dog CinnaBun, who went missing three weeks ago. The West Coast Choppers Web site declares "CinnaBun Is Found!!!" METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

From the mouth of babes

THE TRUTH HURTS LIKE A NEEDLE IN THE ARM Courtney Love claims her estranged daughter has no confidence in her comeback, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 45-year-old rocker is about to return to the music scene with new album Nobody's Daughter but received very little support from 17-year-old Frances Bean, who she lost custody of in December.

"One time, Frances was being mean and said, 'What are you going to do if the record fails?'" Love, the widow of Nirvana frontman Kurt Cobain, told Spin magazine.

"Well, Frances, it can't fail because I love it, and I've worked really hard to make sure that I love it."

Love is currently embroiled in a custody battle over Frances, who is living with her grandmother Wendy O'Connor and Cobain's sister Kimberly Dawn Cobain after Frances took out a restraining order against her mother.

As well as the battle for her daughter, Love is also beset by financial problems, and last year claimed Cobain's $750 million legacy had been stolen from her.

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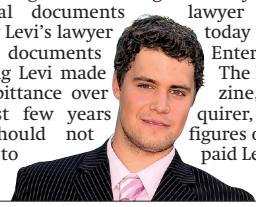
He's been a very bad boy

WELL, AT LEAST SARAH AND HER DAUGHTER THINK SO Bristol Palin apparently thinks her baby daddy, Levi Johnston, is a big fat liar ... and she's subpoenaing CNN and Playgirl to prove it, TMZ reports.

The lawyer for Sarah Palin's daughter is scoffing at legal documents filed by Levi's lawyer — documents claiming Levi made but a pittance over the last few years and should not have to pay $1,688.42 a month in child support — which is what Bristol wants.



Levi says the best he's done in the income department so far is last year — claiming he made approximately $101,000.

TMZ reports that Palin's not buying it, because her lawyer issued subpoenas today to CNN, Playgirl, Entertainment Tonight, The Insider, Star Magazine, and National Enquirer, asking for hard figures on how much they paid Levi.

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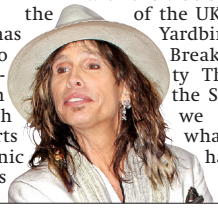
It's all about the music, baby

OH, AND THE SEX AND DRUGS, OF COURSE The soap opera starring Steven Tyler and Joe Perry just keeps getting more convoluted, popeater.com reports.

Aerosmith — the whole band — has been tapped to headline the Download Festival in June, even though recent news reports suggested the iconic rock group was moving on without their troubled lead singer.



In a statement on the festival's site, Tyler said, "In the early days of Aerosmith we were infected with the vibe coming out of the UK with the Yardbirds, Blues Breakers, Pretty Things and the Stones and we wanted what they had bad.

"So baby, we're coming home. Rock & Roll can be pure sex and we can't wait to Download ..."

Relations between the two old friends have been tenuous at best since last August when Tyler plummeted off a concert stage and months later entered rehab for pain killers.

Official channels within the Aerosmith machine have yet to comment on the booking.

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Giving some Leo insight

NOW CAN WE TALK ABOUT WHAT A STELLAR ACTRESS THIS GIRL IS? Emily Mortimer and Leonardo DiCaprio may have worked closely for months together in Martin Scorsese's new psychological thriller Shutter Island, but when it comes to the personal life of the man she calls "the world's most gorgeous movie star," the new mom admits she hasn't a clue, people.com reports.

Asked about the recent rumblings that DiCaprio may finally settle down with longtime girlfriend Bar Rafaeli — despite some occasional bumps in their relationship and his rep's denial the duo became engaged — Mortimer, 38, let out a laugh and said, "I didn't know he wasn't married!

"I'm sure that he will, yes, and be very happy."

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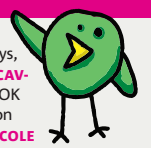

Don't worry guys, **KRISTIN CAVALLARI**'s OK and not on drugs, **NICOLE "SNOOKI" POLIZZI** — the next American guidette is in London? **LINDSAY LOHAN**'s ignoring real life and her dad Michael tries to save her (but that's nothing new), and **SPENCER PRATT**'s new yoga practice has some unintended side effects.

@KristinCav: To all my fans: PLEASE don't believe what u read and hear this wk. Its NOT true!!! I am happy and HEALTHY

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@lindsaylohan: ignoring real world issues/reality

@MichaelJLohan: @Lindsay-Lohan...., need to have a serious PRIVATE talk...

@spencerpratt: I have proven that KUNDALINI YOGA taps your Feminine power in your body because I find myself crying now at least once a day!tweet?

GETTY IMAGES

METRO WORLD NEWS

Can you feel the love tonight?

THEY SURE DID Elton John slept with David Furnish after their first date, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer — who wed the Canadian filmmaker in December 2005 — was smitten with his future spouse the first time they met and took him out for dinner the next day and afterwards they spent the night together.

"I was attracted to David immediately. He was very well dressed, very shy. The next night we had dinner," he said. "We fell in love very quickly."

The pair met during a dinner party at John's house in 1993, after the pop star begged a friend to introduce him to new group of people.

John also revealed to Parade magazine he and Furnish write love notes to each other every week, to keep the romance in their relationship alive.

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Myth #76: sons need their fathers

THE NANNIES WILL BE GREAT AT PLAYING CATCH ... AND TEACHING HIM SPANISH Kourtney Kardashian has reportedly split from Scott Disick, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 30-year-old socialite is said to have ended her romance with the father of her two-month-old son Mason because she felt "trapped" and was growing increasingly frustrated with him.

"Kourtney resents Scott for his behaviour," a source told In Touch magazine.

"They fight about almost everything when they're together."

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Big fat wedding

TULLE! MORE TULLE! Simon Cowell is planning the "biggest showbiz wedding for years," reports femalefirst.co.uk. The music mogul's friends have confirmed he proposed to girlfriend Mezhgan Hussainy on Valentine's Day and are amazed at how happy the make-up artist is making him.

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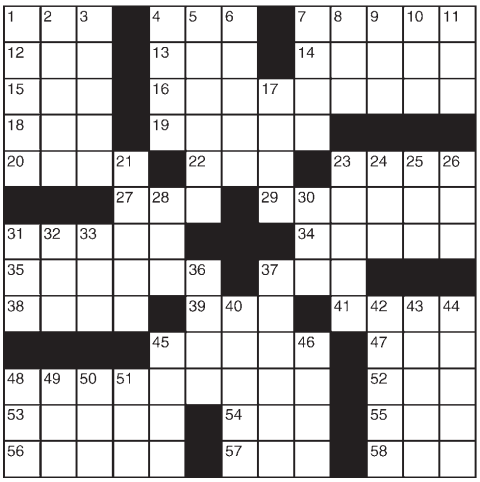

ACROSS

1 Priestly robe
4 Uncooked
7 Refuse to, quaintly
12 Up to
13 Blond shade
14 Eagle's nest
15 Sapporo sash
16 Hoard
18 Chaps
19 "1984" laborer
20 Letter opener's creation
22 Mimic
23 "— Misbehavin' "
27 Attention-getting cry
29 Lots
31 External
34 Battery inventor
35 Easy-to-build house
37 Scratch
38 Coloration
39 Honest politician
41 Redact
45 Boutique
47 Away from WSW
48 Sweden's capital
52 Conditions
53 Half-diameters
54 Mid-May honoree
55 Collection
56 That is (Latin)
57 Pigs' digs
58 Attempt

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1 Fermi's bits
2 Written slander
3 Filled, folded pancakes
4 Grate
5 Off course
6 Jubilant yell
7 Benefit
8 With it, once
9 Onassis, familiarly
10 Zero
11 Ball-bearing item
17 Chanteuse Laine
21 Robbery
23 Worship
24 Under the weather
25 Bottom line
26 Airport screeners' org.
28 Detergent brand
30 Eventual aves
31 Make up your mind
32 Swiss canton
33 Sawbuck
36 Dog owner's ordeal
37 Dry red wine
40 Times of prosperity
42 Believer of a sort
43 Draw a conclusion
44 Irritable
45 "SNL" segment
46 It long eluded Lucci
48 — Lanka
49 Youngster
50 Rhyming tribute
51 USSR successor

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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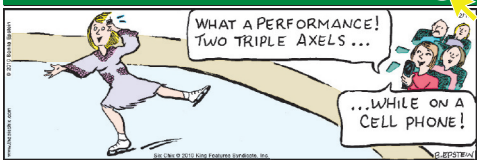

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INGREDIENTS:

8 lamb chops
2 tbsp (25 ml) butter
1 can orange juice concentrate, thawed
1 medium onion, sliced
2 tsp (10 ml) soy sauce
1 tsp (5 ml) salt
Dash pepper

METHOD:

1) In large skillet, brown lamb chops in butter over medium heat. Add remaining ingredients and mix well.
2) Reduce heat; cover and simmer 20-25 minutes or until meat is tender, turning once. To serve, spoon sauce over lamb.

SERVES 4

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Something will not work out the way you expected today but there is no need to panic because in the short-term it does not matter.

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APRIL 21-MAY 21
Something will happen over the next day or two that encourages you to reconsider a belief or opinion that you have never had cause to question before.

GEMINI ♊
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You don't need anyone's approval to follow a course of action that is right for you both financially and emotionally.

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JUNE 22-JULY 22
You may be well organized but not everyone is as in control of their lives as you are, so make allowances.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Everything will go well for you today so long as you don't get distracted by things that are of no real importance. Don't waste time on trivialities.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
If someone offers you their help today you should think long and hard before you accept.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
The reason a loved one is acting a little bit cold towards you at the moment is because you said or did something they do not approve of.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You have been working too hard of late and need to go easier on yourself over the next few days.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You have allowed too many people to get away with too many things in recent weeks and now you have no option but to reassert your authority.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Some of the people you will have to deal with today don't know how to think logically or act in predictable ways, and there's not much you can do.

AQUARIUS ♒
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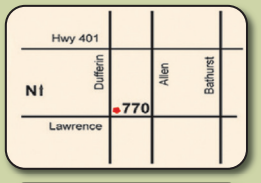

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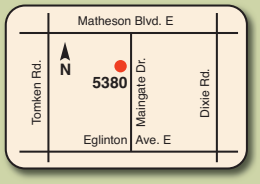

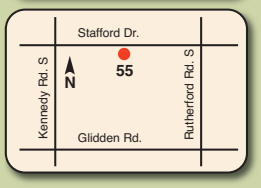

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